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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	mhb

CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS:

Subject member of "The Eleven Branch," CP, and attended five meetings during December 5, 1956, and February 27, 1957, inclusive, and conventions of Inner-Mission Section, CP, in December 1956 and January 1957. Attended three regular and four Executive Board meetings of RAS, Inc. and re-elected President, RAS, 2/8/57. Visited at ARI of San Francisco February and March 1957, and attended CLS Christmas Bazaar December 1956; attended ALWLA dance and social 3/9/57, and dinner party sponsored by NCCPFB 2/10/57. Subject was reappointed for three-year term effective September 1957, to position at Stanford University.

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DETAILS:

COMMUNISTS PARTY, (CP), USA

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The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN, JR. that the Subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven Branch" of the CP of San Francisco, and attended five meetings during the period from December 5, 1956, to February 27, 1957, inclusive. Informant related that the Subject also attended the Inner-Mission CP Section conventions on December 6, 1956, and January 3, 1957.

SF T-1 on December 19, 1956, and January 2, 1957, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF announced at "The Eleven Branch" meeting on December 5, 1956, that he had received a subpoena to appear before a Congressional Subcommittee Hearing. SF T-1 on the latter date advised that Subject at "The Eleven Branch" meeting on December 19, 1956, reported briefly on the Subversive Activities Committee Hearings which were recently held in San Francisco, California. SF T-1 advised that at the January 2, 1957, "The Eleven Branch" meeting Subject denounced Party members who condemn the Soviet Union for its action in Hungary, stating that these comrades lack political understanding.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC., (RAS)

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 has reported that the Subject attended three regular and four Executive Board meetings of the RAS, Inc., during the period December 7, 1956, to and including February 8, 1957.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable informatio in the past, on January 7, 1957, advised SA DIRCK A. MERRILL that the RAS had held a dinner party, social in nature, on December 31, 1956, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, which was attended by the Subject.

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San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 8, 1957, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that the Subject attended the RAS dinner party on December 31, 1956, which was a social event.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 9, 1957, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that the RAS held a bazaar and dinner at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, on December 9, 1956, which was a social event, and the Subject attended this affair.

SF T-1 on February 14, 1957, advised that the Subject at the RAS meeting of February 1, 1957, discussed the revolution in Hungary, stating the trouble in Hungary was started by "Project X," a propaganda and terrorist organization sponsored by the United States Government. He related that through "Project X" terrorist bands of Hungarian Fascists were organized in and out of Hungary, and that weapons and men were flown to Austria and then penetrated into Hungary. He stated that the Kadar Government saw through the United States machinations and asked for Russian help, and that in two weeks the counter-revolution was crushed.

SF T-1 on January 29, 1957, advised that the Board of Directors of the RAS had agreed to nominate officers for the year 1957 on January 25, 1957, and to conduct the elections on February 8, 1957. SF T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on February 8, 1957, was elected as President of the RAS, Inc.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 2, 1957, advised that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, extended New Years' greetings to Ambassador ZAROUBIN of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., on behalf of the RAS, inc.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO, (ARI)

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the Subject to enter the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California, at approximately 11:58 a.m. on February 19, 1957, where he remained until 2:06 p.m.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the Subject in the ARI at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, between 12:05 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on March 26, 1957.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL, (CLS)

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-2 on December 27, 1956, advised SA DIRCK A. MERRILL that the Subject visited the CLS Christmas Bazaar held at the California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco, California, during the period December 14 and 16, 1956.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES DUNPHY on December 20, 1956, that the Subject visited the CLS and "Daily Peoples World" Benefit Bazaar on December 15, 1956, at the California Hall in San Francisco.

SF T-4 on January 9, 1957, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that Subject attended the "Daily Peoples World" Bazaar on December 15, 1956, at the California Hall in San Francisco.

The Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California, for 1948, page 364, reflects, "The Peoples World is an official West Coast communist paper."

AMERICAN LITHUANIAN WORKERS LITERARY ASSOCIATION, aka.
Amerikos Lietuviu Darbininku Literaturos Draugija, (ALWLA)

The ALWLA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-4 on March 13, 1957, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that the Subject attended a combined dance and social of Branches 153 and 198 of the ALWLA at 44 Page Street, San Francisco, California, on March 9, 1957.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, (NCCPFB)

SF T-4 on February 20, 1957, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that the NCCPFB sponsored a birthday party and dinner on February 10, 1957, a charge of $1.00 per person being assessed. SF T-4 advised that the Subject attended the above social.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is associated with Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, on March 22, 1957, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF had appeared before the Advisory Board of Stanford University on March 19, 1957. SF T-6 advised that after the above hearing before the members of the Advisory Board, all six members voted in favor of the reappointment of ARNAUTOFF to the Stanford faculty. SF T-6 related that President STERLING, acting upon the above recommendation, had reappointed ARNAUTOFF for a three-year term, commencing September 1957. Informant advised that Mr. STERLING was very reluctant to renew the appointment of ARNAUTOFF, but felt that to do otherwise would precipitate a controversy with faculty members of Stanford University, and for this reason he had renewed the appointment which had been ok'd by the Board of Trustees.

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SF T-6 furnished a memorandum dated March 20, 1957, regarding impressions of Subject's appearance before the Advisory Board of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, which reflects that it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that ARNAUTOFF is an "unimportant little man, foolish, misguided perhaps, seemingly a little irrational on some points." It appeared all agreed that he is not in himself dangerous, except as he may be used by others; that he may or may not be a Communist or communist sympathizer, and may well be a communist tool. It was felt certain that he is not an important communist leader or organizer; that his political beliefs have not any significant effect on his teachings of art at Stanford, and that he has not any appreciable influence on students.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, (NCCPFB)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 13, 1955, that the draft report on "Defense of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born," delivered at the National Conference of Defense Committees, held under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, (ACPFB), on June 10 - 12, 1955, at 85 East Fourth Street, New York City, stated in part "....The very fact that local committees have been set up to take care of the hundreds of cases that have developed in the past nine years, resulted from the work we have carried on for the organization of these committees. It would have been impossible for us to carry the tremendous burden without the organizations that exist today and cooperate with us. And while they operate independently, setting their own policies and campaigns, they have been and still are, a part of that movement which was initiated and stimulated by the American Committee."

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The exact dates of CP meetings were not set out in this report in order to protect the Informant, SF T-1. SF T-1 is a member of "The Eleven Branch," CP, and is a member of the Executive Board of the RAS, Inc. All information furnished by SF T-1 was obtained as a result of his attendance at CP and RAS meetings.

Information received from SF T-2, T-3, T-4, and T-5 was obtained by these Informants as a result of their attendance at the meetings or socials listed in the details of this report.

VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF is a Security Index Subject. His SI Card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

Subject's photograph on file bears a good likeness.

Subject on January 21, 1953, declined to be interviewed when contacted by SAS WILLIAM B. DILLON and STANLEY F. FEWSTER. There is no indication that the Subject has changed his point of view and would consent to an interview with Agents of the FBI.

Subject's case has been re-evaluated, it being determined that he meets the present criteria under the SI program.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T-symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

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The source used in the documentation of the Northern California Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is [redacted].

SF T-- 1 is [redacted]

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Branch Eleven CP meeting, 12/5/56

Inner-Mission CP Section Convention 12/6/56

Branch Eleven CP meeting 12/19/56

Branch Eleven CP meeting 1/2/57

Inner-Mission CP Section convention, 1/3/57

Branch Eleven CP meeting 2/12/57

Branch Eleven CP meeting 2/27/57

RAS Meeting 12/7/56

RAS Meeting 1/18/57

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

RAS Meeting 2/1/57

RAS Executive Board Meeting 12/14/56

RAS Executive Board Meeting 12/28/56

RAS Executive Board Meeting 1/11/57

RAS Executive Board Meeting 2/8/57

SF T-2 is [redacted]

CLS Christmas Bazaar 12/14-16/56

RAS Dinner 12/31/56

SF T-3 is [redacted]

CLS and "DPW" Christmas Bazaar 12/15/56

SF T-4 is [redacted]

RAS Bazaar and Dinner 12/9/56

"DPW" Bazaar 12/15/56

NCCPFB Dinner 2/10/57

SF T-5 is [redacted]

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SF T-6 is [redacted] 100-6359-1900,1901

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SF T-7 is Anonymous 100-6359-1876

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Spot Fisur 3/26/57 - SA NORMAN FRYE 100-6359-1903

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow the activities of the Subject through SF [redacted].

REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated January 30, 1957, at San Francisco.

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SYNOPSIS:

Subject member "Branch Eleven" San Francisco Communist Party and attended three meetings during 3/13/57 and 4/10/57, inclusive, and two meetings of Inner - Mission Section, Communist Party, between March and April, 1957; attended two Executive Board meetings Russian American Society, Inc. between March - April, 1957; attended meetings regarding future of California Labor School and a benefit and celebration of California Labor School; Independent Socialist Forum 3/22/57; meeting of Northern California Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born 4/13/57.

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0.17, 7/10/57, to submit documentation for Pay Markowski, p. 3, and Abner Green, p. 4. Next report should contain residence checks. + empl. checks. LL

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DETAILS:

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN, Jr. that the Subject continues to be a member of "Branch Eleven" San Francisco CP and attended three meetings during the period March 13, 1957 and April 10, 1957, and attended two meetings of the Inner - Mission Section, CP, between March and April, 1957.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 advised SA FREEMAN that the Subject attended two Executive Board meetings of the RAS during the period March 8, 1957 to April 5, 1957, inclusive.

SF T-1 on March 21, 1957 advised SA FREEMAN that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended an International Women's Day Celebration which was partially social in nature at 411 Pierce Street, San Francisco, California, on March 15, 1957.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA DIRCK A. MERRILL that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended meetings at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on March 25, 1957; April 1, 1957 and April 8, 1957, at which the future of the CLS was discussed.

SF T-2 on April 3, 1957 advised that Subject had also attended a dinner to raise funds for the CLS which was held on March 30, 1957 at the home of ~~RAY MARKOWSKI~~ RAY MORKOWSKI. CALIF.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 2, 1957 advised SA JAMES DUNPHY that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the committee on the future of the CLS held on April 1, 1957.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 1, 1957 advised SA CORNELIUS M. SULLIVAN that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a social benefit for the CLS at Novato, California on April 21, 1957, a charge of $1.25 being made for adults.

SF T-3 on May 9, 1957 advised SA DUNPHY that a May Day Celebration of the CLS was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue on May 5, 1957 which was attended by Subject.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO (ARI)

The American Russian Institute has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 31, 1957 advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that he had observed Subject at the ~~ARL~~ 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, at approximately 2:00 PM on May 28, 1957, in company with ROSE ISAAK, the General Secretary of the organization. CALIF

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 23, 1957 advised SA GRUSH that a meeting of the Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born was held on April 13, 1957 in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, which was attended by the Subject. SF T-6 advised that ABNER GREEN spoke and requested the West Coast Committees for the Protection of the Foreign Born to cooperate more closely with the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born for the repeal of the McCarran Act.

MISCELLANEOUS

SF T-2 on March 27, 1957 advised SA MERRILL that Subject attended an "Independent Socialist Forum" held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco on March 22, 1957. SF T-2 advised that the chairman of the meeting made the introduction by stating that the purpose of the

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"Independent Socialist Forum" was to encourage Marxist thought in the Bay Area and to try to get the Bay Area back to the position that it once presented as a leader in Marxist thought in the United States. The chairman pointed out that four Marxist parties were sponsoring the "Independent Socialist Forum."

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, (HCUA), held hearings at San Diego, California, on September 19, 1954. On that day Mrs. EVELYN AKERSTEIN of Los Angeles, California, testified that she had been a member of the Communist Party from late 1946 until the Summer of 1950. She identified RAY MORKOWSKI, (ROMAN JOHN MORKOWSKI), as a member of the Morgan Hill Club of the San Diego Communist Party sometime during the period of 1946-1950.

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San Francisco T-5 on March 25, 1957, furnished SA HENRY D. GRUSH a printed list on the letterhead of the "American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born," which listed ABNER GREEN as "Executive Secretary."

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR
THE PROECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 13, 1955, that the draft report on "Defense of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born," delivered at the National Conference of Defense Committees, held under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, (ACPFB), on June 10 - 12, 1955, at 85 East Fourth Street, New York City, stated in part ".... The very fact that local committees have been set up to take care of the hundreds of cases that have developed in the past nine years, resulted from the work we have carried on for the organization of these committees. It would have been impossible for us to carry the tremendous burden without the organizations that exist today and cooperate with us. And while they operate independently, setting their own policies and campaigns, they have been and still are, a part of that movement which was initiated and stimulated by the American Committee."

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VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF is a Security Index Subject. His SI card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

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SF T-1 is [redacted]	Inner-Mission Section CP meeting, 3/7/57	[redacted]
	Branch 11, CP meeting, 3/13/57	" "
	Branch 11, CP meeting, 3/27/57	" "
	Branch 11, CP meeting, 4/10/57	" "
	Inner-Mission Section CP meeting, 4/25/57	" "
	RAS Executive Board, 3/8/57	" "
	RAS Executive Board, 4/5/57	" "
	I. W. D., 3/15/57	" "

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SF T-2 is [redacted]	CLS, 3/25/57	[redacted]
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SF T-3 is [redacted]	CLS, 4/1/57	
	CLS, 5/5/57	
SF T-4 is [redacted]	CLS benefit, 4/21/57	
SF T-5 is [redacted]	ARI, 5/28/57	
	ACFPFB, 3/25/57	
SF T-6 is [redacted]	NCCPFB, 4/13/57	
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Will follow the activities of the Subject through [redacted] and other informants.

REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated April 29, 1957 at San Francisco.

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SF T-3 is [redacted]	CLS, 4/1/57	
	CLS, 5/5/57	
SF T-4 is [redacted]	CLS benefit, 4/21/57	
SF T-5 is [redacted]	ARI, 5/28/57	
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Rerep SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 6/26/57, at San Francisco. Enclosed are new pages five and nine of rerep, as requested on form O-17 dated 7/10/57. It is also requested that Bureau copies of rerep, page 3, paragraph 2, be changed in ink to read RAY MORKOWSKI. San Francisco copies changed. INS being advised by letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: September 17, 1957

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
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Pursuant to a subpoena served on him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, accompanied by his counsel, NORMAN LEONARD, appeared as a witness at the 12/11/56 session of the public hearings of the HCUA held in San Francisco, at which time he invoked the 5th Amendment and refused to affirm or deny membership in the CP.

The complete transcript of this testimony was furnished by the Washington Field Office on 8/29/57 entitled Communist Political Subversion, Part I, and exhibits which were placed in evidence during interrogation of subject appear in a transcript entitled Communist Political Subversion, Part II.

A copy of these transcripts has been placed in the Communist Library of the San Francisco Office. Testimony concerning the captioned subject appears on pages 6924-6931 of Part I and pages 8182-8185 of Part II.

Investigation of the subject has previously been conducted and he is a Security Index subject of the San Francisco office.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	MAX H. FISCHER	MDW
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

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ARNAUTOFF identified in August, 1957 as a member of Club 2, SFCCP, which absorbed Branch 11, SFCCP, during May, 1957. He attended five meetings of the CP since 5/1/57. Continues to hold position as President, RAS, and has been reported in attendance at four executive board meetings of this organization since 5/31/57. He has been reported in attendance at affairs sponsored by CLS, ARI, and PW during recent months.

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AGENCY CC-Army
REQ. REC'D 2-11-58
REP'T FORW. 3-4-58
BY K Hu - IRS
O.K. per Marguerite
Re. Michael Victor Arnautoff (P-Son)

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DETAILS

In the interest of brevity, the following abbreviations will be utilized in this report:

San Francisco County
Communist Party - SFCCP;

Communist Party - CP;

Russian American Society - RAS;

American Russian Institute - ARI;

California Labor School - CLS;

"People's World" - PW.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT.

It was determined by means of a suitable pretext interview conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI, on October 21, 1957, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as an art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

II. ACTIVITIES.

A. CP

SF T-1 advised on August 5, 1957 that as of that date, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the SFCCP, Club 2, and further, that he had attended five meetings of the CP held between the dates, May 1, 1957 and July 9, 1957.

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According to information received from SF T-1 on June 27, 1957, ARNAUTOFF had previously been a member of Branch 11, SFCCP, which had been absorbed by Club 2 during May, 1957. The Informant explained however, that members of the defunct Branch 11, occasionally informally continued to meet together for the purpose of discussing working problems relating to the Russian Colony in San Francisco. He explained this by saying that all former members of Branch 11 were of Russian origin and take an exceptional interest in local Russian affairs which do not necessarily interest other members of CP Club 2.

According to information received from SF T-2 on June 25, 1957, a social was held on June 17, 1957 at 1235 - 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, the home of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman of CP, USA, District 13. The Informant identified VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as one of the persons in attendance at this social and stated that the announced purpose was to celebrate a recent ruling handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States which had reversed the convictions of several California Communists who had been charged and convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

B. RAS

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 reported on August 5, 1957 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continued to hold the position of President of the RAS and identified ARNAUTOFF as having been in attendance at five executive board meetings of the RAS between May 31, 1957 and July 27, 1957. According to the Informant, the principal discussions during these RAS meetings had to do with fund raising affairs and social activities which were being planned by the RAS during the coming months.

SF T-3 reported on June 19, 1957 that the RAS held a picnic on May 26, 1957 at 11451 Highway 9, South Cupertino, California, and further, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at this affair.

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C. CLS

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to information received from SF T-4 on March 26, 1957, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the CLS, held March 25, 1957 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which was for the purpose of discussing the status and future of the CLS. During the meeting, a number of persons active in the affairs of the organization, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, were elected to an advisory committee to study the financial and other problems of the school.

SF T-4 reported on April 10, 1957 and SF T-5 on April 19, 1957, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been in attendance at a meeting of the CLS held April 8, 1957 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which had been called to discuss future plans of the CLS.

SF T-5 made available information on May 7, 1957, SF T-6 on May 10, 1957, and SF T-7 on May 5, 1957, indicating the CLS had sponsored a May Day celebration, which took place on May 5, 1957 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, which had been attended by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. According to these Informants, the principal discussion at this meeting dealt with the recent action of the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department of the United States, in padlocking the former offices used by CLS and a discussion as to what steps might be taken by the CLS to continue in operation.

SF T-4 made available information on May 14, 1957, reflecting that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been one of a number of people present at the CLS office, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on May 10, 1957, for the purpose of vacating these premises.

On August 13, 1957 SF T-8 identified ARNAUTOFF as being in attendance at a CLS meeting held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, held August 9, 1957.

D. ARI

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SF T-1 on June 4, 1957 and SF T-9 on June 3, 1957, reported that the ARI had held a meeting on May 24, 1957 at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, for the purpose of welcoming ENVER MAMEDOV, Editor of the "USSR", which, according to an inscription in its September, 1956 issue, is a monthly illustrated publication of the USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C. ARNAUTOFF was one of the persons in attendance at this affair.

On September 16, 1957 SF T-9 stated that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had attended an ARI meeting held September 13, 1957 at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, for the purpose of welcoming Mrs. TAMARA MAMEDOV, Cultural Secretary, and EUGENE ZAOSTROVTSEV, Second Secretary of the USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C.

E. PW

The PW is a West Coast Communist newspaper, published in San Francisco.

Information has been received from the following informants, that on June 16, 1957 ARNAUTOFF had attended a picnic held in Ross, California, for the announced purpose of raising funds for the PW:

SF T-3 on June 19, 1957;

SF T-5 on June 21, 1957;

SF T-7 on June 25, 1957.

SF T-4 reported on August 26, 1957 that the PW had held a fund raising social and movie on August 25, 1957 at 1009 Washington Street, Colma, California, the home of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. ARNAUTOFF was identified by the Informant as having been in attendance at this affair.

ARNAUTOFF was identified by SF T-6 on September 24, 1957, as one of a number of persons in attendance at a PW fund raising banquet, held September 15, 1957 at 1365 Market Street, San Francisco.

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

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On May 24, 1957 SF T-6 identified ARNAUTOFF as being in attendance at a social held on May 18, 1957 at 1365 Market Street, which had as its announced purpose, the raising of funds for the National Guardian.

According to a House Committee on Un-American Activities Report, entitled "Trial by Treason", dated August 25, 1956, Page 12, the National Guardian is a publication "established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly.....although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The San Francisco News, a daily commercial publication, carried an article on page 4 of the September 27, 1957 issue entitled, "'Peace', but Behind Curtain Move Ominous Shadows". This article reports an interview conducted by one of the news writers, DONALD CANTER, with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, wherein CANTER describes how he had contacted ARNAUTOFF on several occasions prior to being given an opportunity to conduct an interview. According to the article, ARNAUTOFF originally promised to allow CANTER to meet the members of the board of the RAS, but at the time of the interview, only ARNAUTOFF and his wife were present. ARNAUTOFF was quoted in the article as making the following statement concerning the work of the RAS:

> "The Russian-American Society tries to strengthen cultural ties between this country and the Soviet Union."

ARNAUTOFF does not see any potential threat from the Soviet Union against the American way of life, according to statements made in answer to CANTER's questions.

He also made the following comment regarding membership

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and activities of the RAS:

The RAS has no members, but consists of seven board members and its activities are limited to library meetings and lectures. Most of the literature at the RAS is obtained from the Soviet Union.

When questioned concerning the fact that he had been identified before a Congressional Committee as a member of the CP, ARNAUTOFF stated he did not see how his "political ideas and affiliations" should be binding on the RAS, and that if the reporter intended to imply that the RAS was pro-Soviet Union, he would not object to having such a label attached to his organization.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

October 29, 1957

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Sources mentioned by "T" symbols in the report of Special Agent MAX H. FISCHER, dated as above at San Francisco, captioned "VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - C", have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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AGENCY ICC - Army
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Re: Michael Victor Arnautoff, (P. Son)

100-47675-180

ENCLOSURE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

GIR 16

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 10-29-57

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - RC

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA MAX. H. FISCHER, dated and captioned as above, along with five copies of letterhead memorandum relating to report.

The Subject is included on the Security Index of the San Francisco Office and his SI Cards have been reviewed, and corrected form FD 122 is being submitted under separate cover.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of current Bureau instructions regarding SI subjects, and in view of ARNAUTOFF's current membership in the CP, it is recommended he be continued as an SI subject.

A suitable photograph of Subject is available in the San Francisco file.

The information set forth in this report, in which ARNAUTOFF's residence and employment were obtained through a suitable pretext interview, was actually obtained by SA MAX H. FISCHER on 10/21/57, during which the Agent represented himself as a newspaper reporter in a pretext interview with ARNAUTOFF.

This report is classified confidential because it contains information which, if disclosed, could injure the security of the United States.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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The exact dates of CP meetings and RAS Executive Board meetings were not set forth in this report in order to protect the Informants furnishing the information. These meetings were attended by very few persons other than the Informant furnishing the information and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, and to set forth exact dates and places might conceivably expose the Informants' identity.

LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow and report activities of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

Identity of Informant	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	File Number Where Located
FOIA(b)(7) - (D) SF T-1 [redacted]	Residence and Employment - Furnished orally.	[redacted]
	CP meeting - 5/1/57 CP meeting - 6/3/57 CP meeting - 6/5/57 CP meeting - 6/19/57 CP meeting - 7/9/57 RAS meeting - 5/31/57 RAS meeting - 6/14/57 RAS meeting - 6/29/57 RAS meeting - 7/19/57 RAS meeting - 7/29/57 ARI meeting - 5/24/57	
SF T-2 [redacted]		
SF T-3 [redacted]	PW social - 6/16/57 RAS picnic - 5/26/57	

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Identity of Informant	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	File Number Where Located
SF T-4	CLS meeting - 3/25/57 CLS meeting - 4/8/57 CLS meeting - 5/10/57 PW social - 8/25/57	
SF T-5	CLS meeting - 4/18/57 CLS meeting - 5/5/57 PW social - 6/16/57	
SF T-6	CLS meeting - 5/5/57 National Guardian - 5/18/57 PW banquet - 9/15/57	
SF T-7	CLS meeting - 5/5/57 PW social - 6/16/57	
SF T-8		
SF T-9	ARI meeting - 5/24/57 ARI meeting - 9/13/57	

REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, San Francisco, 6/26/57.

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FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 10/29/57

GIR 16

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN_____ NATURALIZED_____ ALIEN_____

COMMUNIST_____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY_____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE_____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM_____ TAB FOR COMSAB_____ RACE_____ SEX_____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Stanford University, Art Department, Palo Alto, California

KEY FACILITY DATA:
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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	SA MAX H. FISCHER	hp
	CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

ARNAUTOFF continues to be an active member of Club No. 2, SFCCP, and holds position as President of the Russian American Society. He was observed in company of the First Secretary U.S.S.R. Embassy on 3 occasions during the early part of November, 1957. Activities set forth.

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AGENCY ICC-Army
REQ. REC'D 2-11-58
REP'T FORW. 3-4-58
BY R Hui - IRS
O.K. per Morgan

DETAILS:

In the interest of brevity, the following abbreviations will be utilized in this report:

San Francisco County Communist Party - SFCCP
Russian American Society - RAS
American Russian Institute, Inc. - ARI

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AGENCY RAS, State, CIA
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RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Miss Lillian Owen, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised SA FRED ELLEDGE on December 6, 1957, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as an art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

ACTIVITIES

Communist Party

San Francisco T-1 advised on October 21, 1957, that as of October 9, 1957, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was known to the informant as a member of Club No. 2, SFCCP, and further that ARNAUTOFF had been in attendance at at least two meetings of Club. No. 2 during September and October, 1957.

Russian American Society

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1 reported on October 21, 1957, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to hold the position as President of the RAS and identified ARNAUTOFF as having been in attendance at six meetings of the RAS during the months of August, September, and October, 1957.

San Francisco T-2 reported on October 25, 1957, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a social sponsored by the RAS on October 20, 1957, at 740 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California. This informant also reported on November 11, 1957, that ARNAUTOFF had attended a social sponsored by the RAS on November 10, 1957, at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, which had as its announced purpose the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (E)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

G.I.R. -10

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: December 10, 1957

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(OO: San Francisco)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA MAX H. FISCHER, dated and captioned as above, along with five copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the report.

ARNAUTOFF is included in the Security Index of the San Francisco Office and his Security Index Cards have been reviewed and found to be current and accurate.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of current Bureau instructions regarding Security Index Subjects, and on the basis of his current membership in the Communist Party, it is hereby recommended that he be continued as a Security Index Subject.

A suitable photograph of ARNAUTOFF is available in the San Francisco file.

This report has been classified Confidential because it contains information which, if disclosed, could injure the security of the United States.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (E)

11/1/57 a.m. - DOUGLAS ALLEN, JOHN P. MC HUGH;
11/1/57 p.m. - THOMAS PADDEN, HARRISON FOX;
11/3/57 - THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., GEORGE B. DOLAN, JR., CHESTER L. JACOBY, JOHN W. ORGAN, JR.;
11/7/57 - DOUGLAS ALLEN, HARRISON FOX.

Exact dates and places of CP meetings and RAS meetings were not set forth in this report in order to protect the identity of the informant who furnished the information. These meetings were attended by very few persons other than the informant furnishing the information and the Subject, and to set forth the exact dates and places might conceivably expose the informant's identity.

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Informants

Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	File No. Where Located
SF T-1 [redacted]	CP Member and CP Meeting 10/9/57, 1601 Diamond Street		[redacted]
	CP Meeting 9/4/57, 221 Noe Street		
	RAS Executive Board Meeting, 8/2/57, 216 Pierce Street	8/14/57	
	RAS Executive Board Meeting, 8/31/57, 216 Pierce Street	9/27/57	
	RAS Executive Board Meeting, 9/27/57, 216 Pierce Street	9/28/57	
	RAS Meeting, 10/4/57, 216 Pierce Street	10/21/57	
	RAS Executive Board Meeting, 10/11/57, 216 Pierce Street	10/21/57	
	RAS Meeting, 10/18/57, 216 Pierce Street	10/21/57	

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	File No. Where Located
SF T-2 [redacted]	RAS Social, 10/20/57	10/25/57	[redacted]
	RAS Social, 11/10/57	11/11/57	

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT COLMA, CALIFORNIA

Will follow and report the activities of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.

REFERENCE

Report of SA MAX H. FISCHER, dated10/29/57, at San Francisco.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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422 Federal Office Bldg., Civic Center

San Francisco, California

December 10, 1957

Sources mentioned by "T" symbols in the report of SA MAX H. FISCHER, dated as above, at San Francisco and captioned, "VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - C" have furnished reliable information in the past.

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MAX H. FISCHER/hp

AGENCY ICC - Army
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BY R Hal - TKS
(O.K. per Marguerite)
Re. Michael Victor Arnautoff,
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AGENCY RAB, State, CIA.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 1/17/58

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
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Dr. JACK (BEVERLY MIKELL) PATTEN, a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party of San Francisco from 1942-1947, appeared before a public session of the HCUA in San Francisco on June 19, 1957 and in sworn testimony stated that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF (artist) was a member of the Miscellaneous and Multiprofessional cell of the CP with Dr. PATTEN. Dr. PATTEN won a painting by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, donated by the artist, at a party function.

The complete transcript of the testimony of Dr. PATTEN was furnished by the Washington Field Office on September 30, 1957 and a copy of the transcript is located in 100-36985-1A (12). Testimony concerning the captioned Subject appears on pages 1166-1167 of this transcript.

DOROTHY JEFFERS, a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party of San Francisco from 1943-1951, appeared before the HCUA on June 21, 1957 and stated that there were three artists in the Professional Branch of the CP, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF listed as one.

JEFFERS' testimony concerning the captioned Subject appears on page 1293 of the transcript.

Investigation of the captioned person has previously been conducted and he is a Security Index Subject.

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- Liaison Section
Mr. Coakley

Date: May 23, 1958

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MICHAEL VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the memorandum dated May 8, 1958, from Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Industrial and Personnel Security Group, Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland, your reference ACSI-SI-I.

Michael Victor Arnautoff has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau. A review of this Bureau's files did not disclose any subversive information identifiable with him.

Reports setting forth the Communist Party and related activities on the part of his parents, Victor Arnautoff and Lydia Arnautoff, have been furnished to the Department of the Army.

The FBI does not contemplate conducting an investigation of subject at this time and any investigation that you might conduct would not interfere with the investigative responsibilities of this Bureau.

1 - San Francisco (Enclosures - 2)(See note page 2)
1 - San Francisco (Victor Arnautoff-100-6359)
1 - San Francisco (Lydia Arnautoff-100-21344)
2 - Los Angeles (Enclosures - 3)(See note page 2)
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Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

Please furnish the FBI with copies of any reports in this matter which would be of interest.

Subject's Personnel Security Questionnaire and Certificate of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations are being returned herewith pursuant to your request.

Enclosures (2)

ATTENTION SACS, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES:

The subject's parents, Victor and Lydia Arnautoff, are Security Index subjects who reside within the San Francisco Division. They have been extremely active in the Communist Party and in communist fronts for many years. Victor Arnautoff was identified as a Communist Party member as late as the Fall of 1957 and was in contact with the first secretary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Embassy on three occasions in November, 1957. Lydia Arnautoff was identified as chairman of Club Number 2 of the Communist Party in San Francisco as of June, 1957, and active in the affairs of this club as late as November, 1957.

For San Francisco's information, the Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Industrial and Personnel Security Group, Fort Holabird, Maryland, requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of the subject to determine the following:

a. The past and present relationship between subject and the remainder of his immediate family.

b. Whether subject is cognizant of his parents' activities with the Communist Party and its affiliates.

c. Subject's past and present political proclivities and ideologies.

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Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

NOTE TO SACS, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES CONTINUED:

Copies of the Personnel Security Questionnaire and Certificate of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations are being furnished to San Francisco inasmuch as they contain considerable background information concerning the entire Arnautoff family. Copies are also being furnished to Los Angeles for informational purposes along with a copy of the Army's request for investigation concerning the subject.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE: 22 Jan 1958

Form Approved
Budget Bureau No. 22-R046

INSTRUCTIONS: Two (2) copies of form will be executed by all employees being considered for access to CONFIDENTIAL information by the Contractor under the provision of paragraph 17c of the Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information. Five (5) copies of accomplished form will be submitted by the Contractor when investigation for clearance by a military department is required. TYPE OR PRINT ALL ANSWERS. If more space is required, attach additional sheets, identifying by corresponding block number. FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS COMPLETELY AND PROPERLY EXECUTED. Questions which do not apply will be marked "None".

NOTE. - PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION - Title 18 United States Code 1001 makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of 5 years' imprisonment, $10,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation to any Department or Agency of the United States as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any Department or Agency of the United States. This includes any statement knowingly made by employer or employee herein which is found to be incorrect, incomplete or misleading in any important particular - Title 18 United States Code, 911 states "whoever falsely and wilfully represents himself to be a citizen of the United States shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both."

TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER

TO: (Government contract supervisor)
Commanding General
Headquarters, Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (If a subsidiary, include name of parent company)
Benson-Lehner Corporation
11930 W. Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles 64, California

JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES
Electrical Technician

CONTRACT NUMBER UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEE IS TO BE CLEARED
DA-44-009-EMC-3411

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS OR INFORMATION EMPLOYEE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO
SECRET

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE
D. R. Sievert D.R.Sievert, Sec-Treas.

TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYEE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME: ARNAUTOFF MICHAEL VICTOR
2. ANY OTHER NAME BY WHICH KNOWN (Alias or maiden): Mikhail (FN)

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3. DATE OF BIRTH: [redacted]
4. PLACE OF BIRTH: Dairing Mukden, Manchuria
5. UNITED STATES CITIZEN: [X] YES [ ] NO
6. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: [redacted]
7. MARITAL STATUS: Married
8. SEX: Male
9. RACE: White
10. HEIGHT: 5'11"
11. WEIGHT: 170
12. COLOR EYES: Brown
13. COLOR HAIR: Brown

14. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools)

YEARS (Include month if known) FROM	TO	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	GRADUATE YES	GRADUATE NO	DEGREE
1932	1934	Sherman Elementary School, San Francisco, Calif		X	
1935	1936	Lafayette Elementary School, San Francisco	X		
1937	1939	Presidio Jr. High School, San Francisco, Calif	X		
1940	1943	Geo. Washington High School, San Francisco	X		
Jun 1949	Aug 1950	American TV Labs of Calif., Hollywood, Calif.	X		

NATURALIZED CITIZEN ONLY, COMPLETE 15 THROUGH 22.

15. FORMERLY CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY: Manchuria
16. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES: Nogales, Arizona, 23 May 1931 - Visa #2743
17. CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE WHERE NATURALIZED: (see Item 22) San Francisco, Calif. - Derivative Citizenship
18. COURT: U. S. District Court
19. DATE: 2 Aug 1937
20. CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 4331663 (Father's)
21. FORMER ALIEN REG. NO.: 369705

22. DERIVATIVE CITIZENSHIP

a. PARENT'S NAME: Victor Michael Arnautoff
b. CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 4331663
c. PLACE OF NATURALIZATION: San Francisco, Calif.
d. COURT: U. S. District Court
e. DATE: 2 Aug 1937

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23a. MILITARY SERVICE

COUNTRY	BRANCH OF SERVICE	SERVICE NUMBER	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
U.S.A.	Sig.Corps A.U.S.	39038587	8 Feb 1943	6 Jan 46

b. TYPE OF DISCHARGE	24a. LOCAL DRAFT BOARD (United States) AND ADDRESS	b. ORDER NO.	c. CLASSIFICATION
Honorable	None	None	None

25. RESIDENCE (List all places of residence from 1 Jan 1937, starting with present)

STREET, CITY, STATE, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND COUNTRY	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
212 Paseo de Granada, Redondo Beach, Calif.	Sep 1954	Present
603 S. Redondo Ave., Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Jul 1952	Sep 1954
524 B. N. Francisca, Redondo Beach, Calif.	Jun 1951	Jul 1952
711 N. Juanita, Redondo Beach, Calif.	Apr 1951	Jun 1951
939 E. Manchester Blvd., Los Andeles, Calif.	Nov 1950	Apr 1951
1855 Fathom Court, San Pedro, Calif.	Jun 1949	Nov 1950
1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif.	Dec 1947	Jun 1949
742 Chenery St., San Francisco, Calif.	Jul 1947	Dec 1947
547 37th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.	Feb 1946	Jul 1947
Military Service	Feb 1943	Jan 1946
547 37th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. (approx)	May 1939	Feb 1943
7546 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, Calif. (approx)	Jan 1936	Apr 1939

26. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

LIST ALL ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT LABOR UNIONS AND EXCEPT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ON DD FORM 48-1 IN WHICH YOU HOLD OR HAVE HELD MEMBERSHIP

NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE	OFFICE HELD	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
Lake Merced Post Veterans Foreign Wars Colma, California	War Veterans	Trustee	Nov 1948 (approx)	Feb 1949 (approx)
Congregational Church of Christ Inc. 408 Emerald, Redondo Beach, California	Church	None	1952	1958

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27. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED OR RESIDED IN

CITY AND COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.	DATE RETURNED U.S.	PURPOSE
European Theatre of Operations	27 Oct 1943	24 Jan 1946	Military Service
Cocos Island, Costa Rica	11 Feb 1949	8 May 1949	Treasure Expedition

28. RELATIVES

a. LIST PARENTS, SPOUSE, BROTHERS, AND SISTERS EVEN THOUGH DECEASED

RELATION	NAME	ADDRESS (Enter "deceased" if no longer living)	PLACE & DATE OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Victor Michael Arnautoff	1007 Washington St. Colma, Calif.	Mariupol, Russia 11 Nov 1897	USA
Mother	Lydia Vasilievna Arnautoff nee Blonsky	1007 Washington St. Colma, Calif.	Moscow, Russia 5 Feb 1903	USA
Wife	Lillian Ruth Arnautoff nee Duran	212 Paseo de Granada Redondo Beach, Calif.	Walsenburg, Colorado 6 Mar 1927	USA
Brother	Vasily Victor Arnautoff	3333 N Street Eureka, Calif.	Mukden, Manchuria 9 Oct 1923	USA
Brother	Jacob Victor Arnautoff	1007 Washington St. Colma, Calif.	Covoacan, Mexico 11 Sep 1930	USA

b. LIST OTHER LIVING RELATIVES AND RELATIVES OF SPOUSE RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

NONE

29. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had since 1 Jan 1937 and account for all periods of unemployment)

POSITION HELD	EMPLOYER AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
Elec Tech	Benson-Lehner Corporation John D. Currie	11930 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles 64, Calif.	Apr 1956	Present
TV Tech	Purdon's Appliances Oliver Krienke	1317 Sepulveda Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Nov 1951	Apr 1956
TV Tech	Griffey Electric Robt. Wade	212 So. Pacific Redondo Beach, Calif.	Oct 1951	Nov 1951
TV Tech	A.T.A. Stores -Chas.Gelb	Hollywood, Calif.	Aug 1950	Oct 1951
Student	Amer.TV Labs (school)	5606 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, Calif.	Jun 1949	Aug 1950
Radio Oper (ship)	James A. Forbes Expedition Capt. Chas. A. Hale	Wilmington, Calif.	Feb 1949	May 1949
Installer	Western Electric Co. Inc. Russ Covell	San Francisco, Calif.	Nov 1946 (approx)	Feb 1949

(See Continuation Sheet)

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30. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? INCLUDE ALL COURT MARTIALS, WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE. DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR 16TH BIRTHDAY. DO NOT INCLUDE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH A FINE OF $25.00 OR LESS WAS IMPOSED. ALL OTHER CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED EVEN IF THEY WERE DISMISSED.

☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES", GIVE DATE AND PLACE, CHARGE, AND DISPOSITION:

31. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PREVIOUSLY GRANTED OR DENIED A SECURITY CLEARANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE, BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY?	a. GRANTED	b. DENIED
	☐ YES ☒ NO	☐ YES ☒ NO

32. IF "YES", INDICATE WHEN GRANTED, WHERE, AND BY WHOM: IF DENIED, WHEN AND BY WHOM	33. WHAT WAS THE LEVEL OF THE CLEARANCE?
None	None

34. REFERENCES *(Give five personal references, stating business address of all references, if known. Do not include relatives, former employers, or persons living outside the United States.)*

NAME	YEARS KNOWN	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
Wellington Lowell Brown	7	216 S. Irena	Redondo Beach	Calif.
Curtis Melvin Kelley	7	27015 Buckskin Lane	Rolling Hills Estates	Calif.
James Herbert Gade	5	8616 El Manor	Los Angeles	Calif.
Clarence Theodore Walberg	6	408 Emerald	Redondo Beach	Calif.
Leslie Bruce Matson	6	4542 Narrot St.	Torrance	Calif.

35. LIST ALL FOREIGN CORPORATIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OWNER, OR ACTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY. *(If none, so indicate)*

None

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

SIGNATURE OF witness

E. J. [illegible]

SIGNATURE OF employee

Michael Victor [illegible]

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CERTIFICATE OF NONAFFILIATION WITH CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ANSWERS

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PENALTY.—*Failure to answer all questions, or any misrepresentation (by omission or concealment, or by misleading, false, or partial answers) may serve as a basis for denial of clearance for access to classified Department of Defense information. In addition, Title 18, United States Code 1001, makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of five (5) years' imprisonment, $10,000 fine, or both, knowingly to make a false statement or representation to any Department or Agency of the United States, as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any Department or Agency of the United States. This includes any statement made herein which is knowingly incorrect, incomplete or misleading in any important particular.*

DATE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
22 Jan 1958	Benson-Lehner Corporation 11930 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles 64, California

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME	ANY OTHER NAME BY WHICH KNOWN *(Alias or maiden)*
ARNAUTOFF MICHAEL VICTOR	Mikhail (FN)

PROVISIONS

The Department of Defense is responsible for assuring that contractor employees having access to classified Department of Defense information meet security standards. These standards include consideration of circumstances surrounding membership in, or association with, organizations identified below. Complete this form by placing your answer (Yes or No) after each question. If your answer to any question is "Yes," furnish full and complete information under "Remarks."

1. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of any of the organizations identified in paragraph I below? No
2. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of any of the organizations identified in paragraph II below? No
3. Are you now, or have you ever been, affiliated or associated with any of the organizations identified in paragraph I below? No
4. Are you now, or have you ever been, affiliated or associated with any of the organizations identified in paragraph II below? No
5. Are you now engaged, or have you engaged since 1947, in the sale, gift, or distribution of any written, printed, or other matter prepared, reproduced, or published by any of the organizations identified in paragraphs I and II below, or by any of their agents or instrumentalities? No
6. Have you ever submitted for publication material to the organizations identified in paragraphs I and II below, their agents, or instrumentalities? No

REMARKS (*Use the space provided below and attach additional sheets, if necessary, for a full detailed statement. If associated with any of the listed organizations, specify nature and extent of association with each, including dates, places, and credentials now or formerly held.*)

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE
E J Gordon	Michael Victor Arnautoff Michael Victor Arnautoff

I. Membership, past or present, in any organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons, (1) which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government, (2) or which had adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, (3) or which seeks to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

II. Organizations designated by the Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450, as having interests in conflict with those of the United States are listed below:

Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates.
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including—
- Alabama People's Educational Association.
- Florida Press and Educational League.
- Oklahoma League for Political Education.
- People's Educational and Press Association of Texas.
- Virginia League for People's Education.

Young Communist League.
Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois.
Action Committee to Free Spain Now.
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions.
American Christian Nationalist Party.
American Committee for European Workers' Relief.
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.
American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan, Inc.
American Committee for Spanish Freedom.
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe.
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity.
American Council on Soviet Relations.
American Croatian Congress.
American Jewish Labor Council.
American League Against War and Fascism.
American League for Peace and Democracy.
American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association (*also known as Amerikos Lietuviu Darbininku Literaturos Draugija*).
American National Labor Party.
American National Socialist League.
American National Socialist Party.
American Nationalist Party.
American Patriots, Inc.
American Peace Crusade.
American Peace Mobilization.
American Poles for Peace.
American Polish Labor Council.
American Polish League.
American Rescue Ship Mission (*a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee*).
American-Russian Fraternal Society.
American-Russian Institute, New York (*also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union*).
American Russian Institute, Philadelphia.
American Russian Institute of San Francisco.
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles.
American Slav Congress.
American Women for Peace.
American Youth Congress.
American Youth for Democracy.

INSTRUCTIONS.—One copy of this certificate to be attached to each copy of DD Form 48 or DD Form 49 executed by the employee.

Armenian Progressive League of America.
Associated Klans of America.
Association of Georgia Klans.
Association of German Nationals (*Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung*).
Association of Lithuanian Workers (*also known as Lietuviu Darbininku Susivienijimas*).
Ausland-Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party.

Baltimore Forum.
Benjamin Davis Freedom Committee.
Black Dragon Society.
Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Massachusetts.
Bridges-Roberton-Schmidt Defense Committee.
Bulgarian American People's League of the United States of America.

California Emergency Defense Committee.
California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.
Carpatho-Russian People's Society.
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent (*also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women*).
Central Japanese Association (*Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai*).
Central Japanese Association of Southern California.
Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (*Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront*).
Cervantes Fraternal Society.
China Welfare Appeal, Inc.
Chopin Cultural Center.
Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges.
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (*New York City*).
Citizens Emergency Defense Conference.
Citizens Protective League.
Civil Liberties Sponsoring Committee of Pittsburgh.
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
  Civil Rights Congress for Texas.
  Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York.
Columbians.
Comite Coordinator Pro Republica Espanola.
Comite Pro Derechos Civiles.
Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland.
Committee to Aid the Fighting South.
Committee to Defend the Rights and Freedom of Pittsburgh's Political Prisoners.
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.
Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom.
Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six.
Committee for Nationalist Action.
Committee for the Negro in the Arts.
Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia.
Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights.
Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange.
Committee to Defend Marie Richardson.
Committee to Uphold the Bill of Rights.
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas.
Congress Against Discrimination.
Congress of the Unemployed.
Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act.
Connecticut State Youth Conference.
Congress of American Revolutionary Writers.
Congress of American Women.
Council on African Affairs.
Council of Greek Americans.
Council for Jobs, Relief, and Housing.
Council for Pan-American Democracy.
Croatian Benevolent Fraternity.

Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (*Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan*).
Daily Worker Press Club.
Daniels Defense Committee.
Dante Alighieri Society (*Between 1935 and 1940*).
Dennis Defense Committee.
Detroit Youth Assembly.

East Bay Peace Committee.
Elsimore Progressive League.
Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (*founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee*).
Everybody's Committee To Outlaw War.

Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims.
Families of the Smith Act Victims.
Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc. (*Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America.*)
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society.
Frederick Douglass Educational Center.
Freedom Stage, Inc.
Friends of the New Germany (*Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands*).
Friends of the Soviet Union.

Garibaldi American Fraternal Society.
George Washington Carver School, New York City.
German-American Bund (*Amerika-deutscher Volksbund*).
German-American Republican League.
German-American Vocational League (*Deutsche-Amerikanische Berufsge-meinschaft*).
Guardian Club.

Harlem Trade Union Council.
Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee.
Heimuska Kai, also known as Nokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai, Zaibei Nihonjin, Heijaku Gimusha Kai and Zaibei Heimusha Kai (*Japanese Residing in America Military Conscripts Association*).
Hellenic-American Brotherhood.
Hinode Kai (*Imperial Japanese Reservists*).
Hinomaru Kai (*Rising Sun Flag Society—a group of Japanese War Veterans*).
Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (*North American Reserve Officers Association*).
Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense.
Hungarian-American Council for Democracy.
Hungarian Brotherhood.

Idaho Pension Union.
Independent Party (*Seattle, Washington*).
Independent People's Party.
Independent Socialist League.
Industrial Workers of the World.
International Labor Defense.
International Workers Order, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates.

Japanese Association of America.
Japanese Overseas Central Society (*Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai*).
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940.
Japanese Protective Association (*Recruiting Organization*).
Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City.
Jewish Culture Society.
Jewish People's Committee.
Jewish People's Fraternal Order.
Jikyoku Lin Kai (*The Committee for the Crisis*).
Johnson-Forest Group.
Johnsonites.
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.
Joint Council of Progressive Italian-Americans, Inc.
Joseph Wedemeyer School of Social Science, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kibei Seinen Kai (*Association of U. S. citizens of Japanese ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan*).
Knights of the White Camellia.
Ku Klux Klan.
Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (*Kyffhaeuser Bund*), Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (*Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft*).
Kyffhaeuser War Relief (*Kyffhaeuser Kriegshilfswerk*).

Labor Council for Negro Rights.
Labor Research Association, Inc.
Labor Youth League.
League for Common Sense.
League of American Writers.
Lictor Society (*Italian Black Shirts*).

Macedonian-American People's League.
Mario Morgantini Circle.
Maritime Labor Committee to Defend Al Lannon.
Maryland Congress Against Discrimination.
Massachusetts Committee for the Bill of Rights.
Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace. (*Not connected with the Minute Women of the U. S. A., Inc.*)
Maurice Braverman Defense Committee.
Michigan Civil Rights Federation.
Michigan Council for Peace.
Michigan School of Social Science.

Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (*Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans*).
National Association of Mexican Americans (*also known as Asociacion Nacional Mexico-Americana*)
National Blue Star Mothers of America (not to be confused with the Blue Star Mothers of America organized in February 1942).
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.
National Committee for Freedom of the Press.
National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims.
National Committee to Win the Peace.
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (*a Conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy*).
National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.
National Labor Conference for Peace.
National Negro Congress.
National Negro Labor Council.
Nationalist Action League.
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.
Nature Friends of America (*Since 1935*).
Negro Labor Victory Committee.
New Committee for Publications.
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (*The Great Fujii Theatre*).
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.
North American Spanish Aid Committee.

No[illegible] [illegible]iladelphia Forum.
Na[illegible] [illegible] Japanese Association.
Ohi[illegible]chool of Social Sciences.
Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners.
Original Southern Klans, Incorporated.

Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Washington.
Palo Alto Peace Club.
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (*operating in the Canal Zone*).
Peace Information Center.
Peace Movement of Ethiopia.
People's Drama, Inc.
People's Educational Association (*incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.*), also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School.
People's Institute of Applied Religion.
Peoples Programs (*Seattle, Washington*).
People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
People's Rights Party.
Philadelphia Labor Committee for Negro Rights.
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art.
Photo League (*New York City*).
Pittsburgh Arts Club.
Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee.
Polonia Society of the IWO.
Progressive German-Americans, also known as Progressive German-Americans of Chicago.
Proletarian Party of America.
Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
Provisional Committee of Citizens for Peace, Southwest Area.
Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs.
Provisional Committee to Abolish Discrimination in the State of Maryland.
Puerto Rican Comite Pro Libertades Civiles (CLC).
Puertorriquenos Unidos (*Puerto Ricans United*).

Quad City Committee for Peace.
Queensbridge Tenants League.

Revolutionary Workers League.
Romanian-American Fraternal Society.
Russian American Society, Inc.

Sakura Kai (*Patriotic Society, or Cherry Association, composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War*).
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Mass.
Santa Barbara Peace Forum.
Schappes Defense Committee.
Schneideman-Darcy Defense Committee.
School of Jewish Studies, New York City.
Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Washington.
Serbian-American Fraternal Society.
Serbian Vidovdan Council.
Shinto Temples (*Limited to State Shinto abolished in 1945*).
Silver Shirt Legion of America.
Slavic Council of Southern California.
Slovak Workers Society.
Slovenian-American National Council.
Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee for European Workers' Relief.
Socialist Youth League.
Sokoku Kai (*Fatherland Society*).
Southern Negro Youth Congress.
Suiko Sha (*Reserve Officers Association, Los Angeles*).
Syracuse Women for Peace.

Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Tom Paine School of Westchester, New York.
Trade Union Committee for Peace.
Trade Unionists for Peace.
Tri-State Negro Trade Union Council.

Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union.
Union of American Croatians.
Union of New York Veterans.
United American Spanish Aid Committee.
United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanschaft Federations, also known as Coordination Committee of Jewish Landsmanschaften and Fraternal Organizations.
United Committee of South Slavic Americans.
United Defense Council of Southern California.
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization.
United May Day Committee.
United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Voice of Freedom Committee.

Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, New Jersey.
Washington Bookshop Association.
Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights.
Washington Committee for Democratic Action.
Washington Commonwealth Federation.
Washington Pension Union.
Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation.
Workers Alliance (*since April 1936*).
Workers Party (*including Socialist Youth League*).

Yiddisher Kultur Farband.
Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc.
Yugoslav Seamen's Club, Inc.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE ABOVE LIST ARE ANNOUNCED:

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CONTINUATION SHEET
Form DD 48 - Michael Victor Arnautoff

29. Employment

Assembler	Pacific Electric Mfg. Supervisor - Unknown	South San Francisco, Calif.	Mar 1946	Nov 1946
Unemployed		547 37th Ave. San Francisco, Calif.	Feb 46	Feb 1946
Military Service			Feb 1943	Jan 1946
Student			Jan 1937	Jan 1943

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SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) June 11, 1958

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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NOTE: Subject is key figure San Francisco Office. He resides Colma, California, and is art instructor Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He was president of Russian American Society, San Francisco, as of October, 1957. Arnautoff attended Communist Party meetings in September and October, 1957, and was member of the Communist Party then. He has been Communist Party member since 1946 and has been connected with various front groups. Immigration and Naturalization Service has been conducting investigation re

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Mr. Tolson, Rm 1734, Mr Gochnour

Letter to SAC, San Francisco
Re: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
100-47675

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

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possible revocation of his citizenship since November, 1955. [redacted] Her identity has never been established. Incoming is filed in 105-67845.

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1 - Mr. Gochnour
1 - Mr. Jackson

SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) July 10, 1958

Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Your reply to my O-1 Form dated 6-26-58 states report on Arnautoff will be submitted by 7-11-58.

Arnautoff is key figure of your office. Existing instructions state reports in key figure cases are to be submitted on six-month basis. The last report in this case was dated 12-10-57.

In view of above, you should insure that in cases of this type in the future reports are submitted on date due.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-62476) 6/26/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-22320)

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(OO:WFO)

Enclosed are five copies for the Bureau and two for San Francisco of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

[redacted]

The following informants were utilized in attached letterhead memorandum:

T-1: [redacted]

T-2:

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No recommendation is being made in regard to the memo ~~above~~ attached inasmuch as VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. Submitted for information.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 5)
2 - San Francisco (105-5546) (Encls. 2) (Info)
(1 - 100-6359) (Info)
2 - WFO
(1 - 105-3728) (ARNAUTOFF)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington 25, D. C.
June 26, 1958

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On October 25, 1957, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Victor Arnautoff was currently a member of the Communist Party and also President of the Russian American Society, Incorporated.

The San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory for March, 1955, reflects that Victor M. Arnautoff resides at 1007 Washington Street in Colma, California.

The Communist Party and the Russian American Society have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55.)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	7/8/58	5/2,13,22,28;6/9,12,17, 30;7/1,2/58

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR.	lmr
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:

ARNAUTOFF continues to be an active member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP. ARNAUTOFF held office of President of the Russian American Society (RAS) until the Executive Board of the RAS decided in January, 1958 to temporarily suspend operations. Since January, 1958, ARNAUTOFF has been active in the RAS liquidation committee which is arranging for the disposal of RAS assets. ARNAUTOFF observed in company of EVGENI A. ZAOSTROVTSEV on 6/2 and 6/8/58. ZAOSTROVTSEV is Second Secretary, USSR Embassy.

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DETAILS:

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Mrs. LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised Special Agent FRED R. ELLEDGE on June 30, 1958 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as an art instructor at Stanford University.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1 on May 12, 1958 advised that as of that date VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was known to T-1 as a member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. T-1 further advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had attended at least eight meetings of Club No. 2 during the period from November, 1957 to May, 1958.

San Francisco T-2 on June 18, 1958 advised that on June 15, 1958 there was a spaghetti dinner given by the North Beach Club, SFCCP, proceeds of which went to the "People's World" fund drive. T-2 said approximately 65 people, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, attended this dinner.

The "People's World," formerly known as the "Daily People's World," is a west coast communist newspaper.

III. RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS) ACTIVITIES

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1 on December 19, 1957 advised that on December 8, 1957 the RAS sponsored a lecture given by General VICTOR ALEXANDROVICH YAKHONTOFF, which was held at the home of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this lecture.

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The "Daily People's World," in its issue of October 4, 1955, on page 7, column 3, carried an item which described General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF as a former Czarist Military Attache in Tokyo, Japan, and a member of the Russian Imperial Staff in World War I. The article reflected that YAKHONTOFF had been a United States citizen since 1918 and that he is a sympathetic and painstaking student of the Soviet Union.

San Francisco T-1 on January 14, 1958 advised that in early January, 1958 the RAS Executive Board, of which VICTOR

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ARNAUTOFF was a member, met and decided to temporarily suspend the operations of the RAS until there is a better political climate. According to T-1, as a result of the above decision, the RAS liquidating committee was elected to arrange for the disposal of the RAS assets and the dissolution of the RAS corporation.

T-1 further advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continued to hold the office of President of the RAS up until the time it was dissolved in January, 1958, and that ARNAUTOFF was elected a member of the liquidating committee of the RAS.

San Francisco T-1 on May 26, 1958 advised that as of that date VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had attended at least seven RAS Executive Board meetings and one regular RAS meeting during the period from November, 1957 to Feb., 1958. In addition, T-1 advised that ARNAUTOFF had attended at least nine meetings of the RAS liquidation committee between January, 1958 and May, 1958.

San Francisco T-3 on January 8, 1958 advised that on November 22, 1957 the regular meeting of the RAS was held. According to T-3, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF introduced CLARA SILVERSTEIN, who described her recent visit to the Soviet Union. According to T-3, CLARA SILVERSTEIN regularly attends meetings and functions of the RAS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-6359

San Francisco, California
July 8, 1958

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 7/8/58

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., dated and captioned as above, together with five copies of letterhead memorandum describing informants.

REFERENCE

Report of SA MAX H. FISCHER, dated 12/10/57 at San Francisco.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The exact dates and places of CP meetings and RAS meetings were not set forth in this report in order to protect the identity of SF T-1, the informant who furnished the information. These meetings were attended by very few persons other than the informant furnishing the information and the Subject and to set forth the exact dates and places might conceivably expose the identity of the informant.

2 Bureau (100-47675)(Encl. 10)
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SOURCES

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1 - [redacted]	Mtg Club #2 (Inner Mission Sec) SFCCP, 11/20/57, at 3765 - 21st, SF, Calif.	12/3/57	ORLAND E. FREEMAN	
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	Mtg Club #2, SFCCP, 12/11/57 at 323 Hill St., SF, Calif.	12/19/57	" "	
	Mtg. Russian Group, Club #2 (Inner Mission) SFCCP, 1/15/58, 211 Noe St., SF	2/7/58	" "	
	Mtg, Club #2, SFCCP, 211 Noe St., SF on 2/12/58	2/26/58	" "	
	Mtg Club #2 (Inner Mission Sec., SFCCP) held at 430 Hill St., SF on 3/5/58	3/19/58	" "	
	Mtg Club #2, SFCCP, 4/23/58 at 323 Hill St., SF	4/28/58	" "	
	Mtg Club #2, SFCCP held 211 Noe St., SF, 4/30/58	5/12/58	" "	
	Mtg Club #2, SFCCP, 5/7/58 at 323 Hill St., SF	5/12/58	" "	
	ARNAUTOFF CP member			
	Mtg RAS Exec. Board 216 Pierce St., SF 11/15/57	12/3/57	" "	

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SF T-1 (Cont.)	Mtg RAS Exec Bd 216 Pierce St., SF 12/6/57	12/19/57	ORLAND E. FREEMAN	
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	Exec. Bd mtg, RAS, 12/20/57, 216 Pierce St., SF	1/3/58	" "	
	Exec. Bd mtg, RAS, 1/3/58, 216 Pierce St., SF	1/14/58	" "	
	RAS Exec. Bd. mtg 1/10/58 at 216 Pierce St., SF	1/14/58	" "	
	Mtg RAS Exec. Bd. 216 Pierce, SF, on 2/7/58	2/26/58	" "	
	ARNAUTOFF Pres. of RAS			
	RAS suspended operations			
	RAS Liquidation Committee elected			
	Mtg. RAS Exec. Bd, 216 Pierce St., SF, 2/14/58	2/26/58	" "	
	Mtg. RAS Regular 411 Pierce St., SF, 11/22/57	12/3/57	" "	
	Mtg. RAS Liquidating Committee, 216 Pierce St., SF, 1/17/58	2/7/58	" "	
	Mtg. RAS Liquidating Committee, 216 Pierce St., SF, 1/24/58	2/7/58	" "	

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SF T-1 (Cont.)	Mtg RAS Liquidating Committee, 3/7/58 216 Pierce St., SF	3/19/58	ORLAND E. FREEMAN	
	RAS Liquidating Committee mtg., 3/21/58 at 216 Pierce St., SF	4/1/58	" "	
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	RAS Liquidating Committee mtg., 216 Pierce St., SF 3/28/58	4/1/58	" "	
	RAS Liquidating Committee mtg., 216 Pierce St., SF 4/18/58	4/28/58	" "	
	Mtg RAS Liquidating Committee, 216 Pierce St., SF, 4/25/58	4/28/58	" "	
	Mtg. re RAS Liquidation Committee at 216 Pierce St., SF 5/16/58	5/26/58	" "	
	Mtg re RAS Liquidation Committee 5/23/58 at 216 Pierce St., SF	5/26/58	" "	
	RAS sponsored lecture by Gen. YAKHONTOFF, 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. 12/8/57	12/19/57	" "	

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-2 - [redacted]	PW benefit dinner given by N. Beach group, CP of SF on 6/15/58	6/18/58	EDWARD C. RUDIGER	[redacted]
SF T-3 - [redacted]	11/22/57	1/8/58	DONALD L. COFFIN (written)	

Secondary documentation of CLARA SILVERSTEIN.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Will follow and report the activities of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

FD-305 (1-29-58)

1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

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[redacted] and because data reported from SF T-1, T-2 & T-3 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

0-17 SF to add this to SF copies 7/14/87 [illegible]

8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) still active in CP and RAS. Informants report Subject is still a devoted communist.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ARNAUTOFF continues to be active in the CP and RAS, both of which have been cited by the U.S. Attorney General under E.O. 10450.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Francisco, California
July 8, 1958

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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- Mr. Jackson
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SAC, San Francisco (100-6359; 100-21344) January 2, 1959

Director, FBI (100-47675; 100-418510)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Immediately contact Passport Office in San Francisco to determine if subjects have obtained current passports for travel abroad. If so, prepare appropriate letterhead memoranda for captioned subjects which should include background and pertinent subversive information. In addition, through your sources ascertain date of subjects' departure, mode of travel and, if possible, itinerary. Handle this matter immediately and advise the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subjects, husband and wife, in Security Index.

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25 SEP 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTENTION: Mr. Bernard A. Wells

SUBJECT: ARNAUTOFF, Michael Victor; DOB: [redacted]; POB: Mukden, Manchuria

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 23 May 1958, concerning SUBJECT.

2. Inclosed for your information are the results of the interview with SUBJECT conducted by Sixth United States Army. ARNAUTOFF's case has been resolved favorably by Sixth United States Army.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:

Signed

WESLEY E
Colonel,
Chief, I
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2 Incl
1. Cy Agent Rept dtd 17 Jul 58 (1 page)
2. Cy Sworn Stmt dtd 14 Jul 58--signed 17 Jul 58 (10 pages)

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AGENT REPORT
(SR 380-320-10)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

ARNAUTOFF, Michael Victor (U)
Civilian
Benson-Lehner Corp.
Los Angeles, Calif.

2. DATE SUBMITTED

17 July 1958

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

H6-115-001714 (2/5AIN)

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT) On 14 July 1958, Michael Victor ARNAUTOFF, electronic technician, Benson-Lehner Corporation, 11930 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed under oath at his residence, 212 Paseo de Granada, Redondo Beach, California, concerning certain information in his background. SUBJECT executed a sworn statement, attached hereto as Exhibit_____, which is summarized briefly as follows:

SUBJECT is registered with the Democratic Party and has never supported any other party than one of the two major political parties in the United States. He favors and supports the present constitutional Democratic form of American government.

SUBJECT has no knowledge of his parents' participation in the Communist Party (CP). He has suspicions that his parents are sympathetic to the CP line due to political discussions with his father; his parents' membership since 1943 in the Russian American Society, a cited organization; and the fact that in 1952 an agent of the FBI informed SUBJECT that his father was a card-carrying CP member. SUBJECT has never asked his parents of their affiliations because he does not wish to reject them if they tell him they are CP members.

SUBJECT feels that his parents have exerted no political influence over him. Since his suspicions formed that his father was sympathetic to the CP line, SUBJECT has not discussed politics with him. SUBJECT stated that his parents allowed him to reach his own political conclusions and that his views are those of a loyal American in opposition to any CP sympathies his parents may have.

SUBJECT moved to Southern California to avoid involvement with his parents in San Francisco. In the past five or six years, he has had contact with them personally approximately once a year for a few days during the Christmas holidays. He and his wife exchange correspondence concerning family matters with his parents on the average of once a month. SUBJECT last saw his parents on a holiday visit to their home in December 1956.

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROBERT I. DAMON, 115th CIC Group (II)
JOHN L. ROSSHIRT, 115th CIC Group (II)

/s/ Robert I. Damon
/s/ John L. Rosshirt

NW: 150

STATEMENT

(SR 190-45-1)

explaining the nature of the investigation. If deponent is accused or suspected of an offense he must be so informed and this fact affirmatively shown.

PLACE	DATE	FILE NO.
Redondo Beach, California	14 July 1958	
DEPONENT (Last Name—First Name—Middle Initial)	SERVICE NO.	GRADE
ARNAUTOFF, Michael Victor		

ORGANIZATION (If deponent is a civilian, give address).

212 Paseo de Granada, Redondo Beach, California

TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO MAKING STATEMENT

THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, ARTICLE 31 (AND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES) (Strike out only if person making statement IS a member of the Armed Forces) (HAS)/(HAVE) BEEN READ TO ME AND MY RIGHTS THEREUNDER HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME BY Robert I. Damon WHO INFORMED ME THAT HE IS (A) (AN) Representative OF THE UNITED STATES (ARMY) (NAVY) (AIR FORCE). HE HAS INFORMED ME THAT THIS STATEMENT IS BEING TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF myself

FOR WHICH I AM (ACCUSED) (SUSPECTED) (Strike out words between brackets, if inapplicable). THE FOREGOING HAVING BEEN EXPLAINED TO AND BEING UNDERSTOOD BY ME, I VOLUNTARILY MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

Michael Victor Arnautoff

(SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT)

STATEMENT BEGINS:

Damon: MVA The Department of Army has directed that you be interviewed in regard to certain matters relative to your request for a security clearance. As you are perhaps aware, the Army must protect itself and verify the loyalty, reliability and integrity of its contractor personnel. This interview is designed to assist the Army in protecting itself and is not designed to abridge your Constitutional rights and privileges. This interview is not intended to inquire into your personal beliefs that have nothing to do with the national security, but is designed to assist the Department of Army in determining your suitability for a security clearance. If you decline to make a statement, a determination as to your MVA suitability for a clearance will have to be made solely on information MVA received from other sources. Before we proceed I should like to advise you of your rights under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and the protection granted you during interviews under military supervision by Article Thirty-one of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. (READS THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AND ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE.) In regard to your rights under the Fifth Amendment, in order to claim the privilege against self incrimination by refusing to answer our questions, an honest answer must actually tend to incriminate you in some crime or must actually tend to subject you to some criminal prosecution. You cannot claim the Fifth Amendment simply because you object to some of our questions on personal grounds. I assure you that you are accused of no crime and are suspected of no crime; that this interview is being conducted in an attempt to clarify certain facts concerning your background and suitability for a security clearance. Are you fully aware of your rights under the Fifth Amendment and the protection granted you by Article Thirty-one?

ARNAUTOFF: Yes. MVA

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EXHIBIT	DEPONENT'S INITIALS	
	MVA	Page 1 of 10 Pages

Additional pages must contain the heading "STATEMENT OF ____ TAKEN AT ____ DATED ____ CONTINUED." The bottom of each additional page must bear the initials of the person making the statement and be identified as "PAGE ____ OF ____ PAGES."

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Damon: The Department of Army desires that this interview be conducted under oath. The purpose of the oath is to increase the value of your statement, through the added weight of sworn testimony, with respect to reaching a decision. Are you willing at this time to execute a sworn statement?

ARNAUTOFF: Yes. (Oath administered by Damon.)

Damon: What is your full name, date and place of birth?

ARNAUTOFF: Michael Victor ARNAUTOFF. I entered the country under the name Mikhail, but after I started school I changed the spelling of my first name from the Russian to the English way. I was born on [redacted] in Mukden, Manchuria.

Damon: What is your residential address?

ARNAUTOFF: 212 Paseo de Granada, Redondo Beach, California.

Damon: What is your occupation and where are you employed?

ARNAUTOFF: I am an electronic technician with the Benson-Lehner Corporation, whose main office is at 11930 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Damon: When were you naturalized?

ARNAUTOFF: I claim derivative citizenship through my parents who became naturalized citizens before I reached my 18th birthday in 1937 at San Francisco, California. I have no papers of naturalization because of my derivative citizenship.

Damon: (Hands ARNAUTOFF a copy of DD Form 48-1, Certificate of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations.) You have already executed this form adequately and properly. However, would you please reread the names of the organizations listed on this Form 48-1, to make yourself familiar with

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AFFIDAVIT BY DEPONENT

I, Michael Victor ARNAUTOFF HAVE HAD READ TO ME (HAVE READ) THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE ONE (1) AND ENDS ON PAGE 10. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE WHICH CONTAINS STATEMENT MATTER. THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE BY ME FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

Michael Victor Arnautoff
(SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 17 DAY OF July 19 58 AT West Los Angeles, California

WITNESSED BY:

John L. Roschirt
JOHN L. ROSCHIRT
U. S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVE

Robert I. Damon
ROBERT I. DAMON
U. S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVE
(AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

RIGHTS UNDER UCMJ, ARTICLE 31, AND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

No person subject to this code shall compel any person to incriminate himself or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate him. No person subject to this code shall interrogate, or request any statement from, an accused or a person suspected of an offense without first informing him of the nature of the accusation and advising him that he does not have to make any statement regarding the offense of which he is accused or suspected and that any statement made by him may be used as evidence against him in a trial by court-martial. No person subject to this code shall compel any person to make a statement or produce evidence before any military tribunal if the statement or evidence is not material to the issue and may tend to degrade him. No statement obtained from any person in violation of this article, or through the use of coercion, unlawful influence, or unlawful inducement shall be received in evidence against him in a trial by court-martial.

The fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that no person shall be compelled in any criminal case "to be a witness against himself."

DEPONENT'S INITIALS MVA

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the names? (ARNAUTOFF reads list.) Are you now or have you ever been affiliated or associated with any organization listed on DD Form 48-1?

ARNAUTOFF: No.

Damon: Are you now associated with or have you ever associated with any individuals, including relatives, who you know or have reason to believe are or have been members of any of the organizations listed?

ARNAUTOFF: Yes. My father, and I believe, my mother are members of the Russian American Society (RAS), which appears on the list. There also was an employee at Benson-Lehner Corporation who told me he was experiencing difficulty in getting a clearance since someone had alleged that he belonged to some of the groups on the list. The man, J. Cameron Barefoot, was laid off from work in December 1957. I don't really know the details surrounding his trouble in getting a security clearance. There is no one else that I recall who was or is a member of any of the organizations.

Damon: Are you now associated with, or have you ever associated with any individuals, including relatives, who are not members, but who are or have been associated with any of the organizations listed?

ARNAUTOFF: No.

Damon: What is your father's full name and where is he presently located?

ARNAUTOFF: My father's name is Victor Michael Arnautoff. He resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is presently Professor of Graphic Arts at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Damon: What is your mother's full name and where is she located?

ARNAUTOFF: Her name is Lydia Vasilievna Arnautoff, nee Blonsky. She resides with my father in Colma, California. I believe that she is employed, but I do not know where.

Damon: When did you last see your parents?

ARNAUTOFF: During the holidays between Christmas 1956 and New Year's 1957. My wife, daughter, and I spent three or four days with my parents in San Francisco. I'm sure it has been at least 18 months since I last saw my parents.

Damon: How much contact have you had with your parents since 1955?

ARNAUTOFF: Usually, I have visited my parents once a year during the Christmas holidays for the past five or six years. Or sometimes my parents visit us here at my home. But I'd say that I have had personal contact with my parents only once a year. We exchange correspondence on the average of once a month. Actually my wife does the writing for us and my mother writes the letters for herself and my father.

Damon: What type of correspondence do you or your wife conduct with your parents, and they with you?

ARNAUTOFF: Normally, just news of the family and neighbors and friends. I would describe it as being non-political in content.

Damon: Are either of your parents members of the Communist Party (CP)?

ARNAUTOFF: I honestly don't know. Neither has ever told me that they belonged to the CP.

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Damon: Have you any reason to believe that either of your parents is a member of the CP?

ARNAUTOFF: I really don't know. Frankly the thought has come to me that maybe they are. I've always been afraid to ask them whether they are CP members.

Damon: What has given you reason to suspect that your parents are CP members?

ARNAUTOFF: In 1952 an agent of the FBI, a Jack Kelleher, of Monterey, California, visited me in San Francisco to inquire about a trip I had taken out of the country. During the course of our conversation, he asked me whether I was aware that my father was a card holding Communist. I said, "No," and asked him if my father was a CP card-holder. He answered, "Yes." My father asked me later whether I had been visited by the FBI. I don't know how he learned of the agent's visit to me. I told my father that the FBI wanted some information about a trip I had taken out of the country and never mentioned anything about what the agent had said concerning my father.

Damon: What other incidents have given you reason to suspect your parents' political views?

ARNAUTOFF: Their membership in the RAS. And two or three years ago my father was involved in an incident over a cartoon he drew of Richard Nixon. He made a lithograph cartoon of Nixon, political in nature, that was detrimental to Nixon. He exhibited the cartoon at an outdoor art show in San Francisco. The cartoon was so unfavorable to Nixon that the head of the art show had the cartoon removed from exhibition. My father made a stir about the removal of his cartoon, and eventually the story of the political cartoon and my father's objections to its removal got into the newspapers, even as far away as London. Also, the neighbors spoke of inquiries made concerning my parents by the FBI, which would indicate some suspicion of my parents.

Damon: Why have you been afraid to ask your parents if they are CP members?

ARNAUTOFF: I'd rather not know. I guess that I'm afraid that my father would say yes if I asked him and I don't want to know. After all, they are my parents, the only parents I'll ever have, as wrong as they may be. I guess I can only hope that one day they will change. I told them that my wife and I believe in the Bible and Christ and that we can't accept Communism. I feel my parents may be tremendously misled, but, as I say, they are my parents and I can't reject them.

Damon: Do you feel that your parents are sympathetic to the CP?

ARNAUTOFF: I guess they are, or so it seems. They must be if they support the RAS which is listed on the form you gave me.

Damon: When did your father first become a member of the RAS?

ARNAUTOFF: Sometime during World War II. It must have been shortly after I entered military service in 1943. He joined the RAS in San Francisco, California.

Damon: What is the purpose of the group?

ARNAUTOFF: My father told me that it is a cultural group organized for the exchange of literature and music. I guess he considers it to be a national group, much like the Italian or German people gather together for cultural exchange.

Damon: What offices does or did your father hold in the RAS?

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ARNAUTOFF: He has been president on occasion, but I don't know whether he is president of the group now, or what other office he may hold.

Damon: Is your mother a member of the RAS?

ARNAUTOFF: I assume she is. I don't know with certainty.

Damon: What meetings of the RAS have you attended?

ARNAUTOFF: I haven't attended any meetings of the RAS. Between 1946 and 1947, between the time I got out of the service and the time I got married, I attended one or two dinners sponsored by the RAS at my parents' invitation.

Damon: What occurred at the dinners?

ARNAUTOFF: The Russian women cooked Russian food, like borscht. After everyone had eaten, they would hold their meeting. I never attended any of the meetings. I left before they began. I was not interested in the group, their idea of cultural exchange, or their discussions. I'm not much of an organizational joiner, anyway.

Damon: What literature of the RAS did you ever receive or read?

ARNAUTOFF: Occasionally, my father sends me books published in Russia and distributed through the RAS, perhaps one book every couple of years. I don't pay too much attention to them. I have never received any pamphlets, magazines, or newspapers published by the RAS. For that matter, I have never received any literature published by any organizations listed on the form you gave me.

Damon: Did your parents ever invite you to join the RAS?

ARNAUTOFF: Not that I recall. However, I moved down here to Southern California to get away from my parents in San Francisco. This way I don't have to know or worry about what they are doing and their activities cannot have any effect upon me or involve me.

Damon: Have you ever heard either of your parents mention the New Era Club, the Russian Club, the Eleven Branch, Club Number 2, or the Joe Hill Branch?

ARNAUTOFF: No. But those names certainly sound like the names of secret societies.

Damon: Are either of your parents members of or associated with the American Russian Institute (ARI)?

ARNAUTOFF: The name sounds familiar but I'm not sure of my parents connection with the ARI. I really don't know.

Damon: Are either of your parents members of or associated with the California Labor School (CLS)?

ARNAUTOFF: I have heard them mention the CLS and possibly I may have seen some literature from the CLS but I don't know of any connection of my parents with CLS.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the Civil Rights Congress?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are or were your parents members of or associated with the San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs?

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ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the California Emergency Defense Committee?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the Northern California Peace Council?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the Independent Progressive Party?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Are your parents members of or associated with the Lithuanian Literary Society or the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Society?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Has your father ever been associated with any of these organizations or others, including the publication The Daily People's World (DPW) as a contributor or sponsor of fund-raising projects through the sale of his art works?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Were either of your parents participants in the American Continental Congress for World Peace, held in Mexico City, in 1949?

ARNAUTOFF: I recall that both of my parents went to Mexico to attend some sort of convention some years ago, but I know nothing of the conference that was held, and recall nothing concerning their trip beyond the fact that my father became sick during the trip and had to return home.

Damon: Was your mother ever employed by the San Francisco Ship Supply Company?

ARNAUTOFF: I could not say. I don't know.

Damon: Was your mother ever employed with the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know.

Damon: Was your mother ever employed by the Amtorg Trading Company (ATC)?

ARNAUTOFF: I believe the ATC was an import company that imported Russian-made goods, and had an office in San Francisco. I believe my mother worked for ATC in secretarial work about the time of the San Francisco Exposition in 1939, but I recall no details about her work or the ATC.

Damon: What association have your parents had with members of the Soviet consulate or with other officials of the Soviet government?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know MVA.

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Damon: What are your father's present organizational affiliations?

ARNAUTOFF: I assume he is still a member of the RAS. I know of no other organizations to which he belongs.

Damon: What are your mother's present organizational affiliations?

ARNAUTOFF: I assume that she is a member of the RAS. I know of no other organizations to which she belongs.

Damon: What are your parents' present political views?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't know. The last I knew, in 1948, both my mother and father were registered with the Democratic Party. My parents and I don't discuss politics.

Damon: Have you ever heard either of your parents express any views which could be construed as opposing the best interests of the United States?

ARNAUTOFF: Not that I recall. I've never interpreted anything he has said as opposing the best interests of the United States.

Damon: Have you ever heard either of your parents express any views which oppose our constitutional form of Democratic government?

ARNAUTOFF: Not that I recall.

Damon: What political discussions have you had with your parents?

ARNAUTOFF: My father and I got into some real bad arguments some years ago over politics. We didn't agree. He called me a reactionary and claimed that I was narrow minded and did not want to see the truth. Since those angry discussions, he and I have an unspoken agreement not to discuss politics. We don't discuss politics because we don't agree.

Damon: What is it that you don't agree upon?

ARNAUTOFF: Basic things. He is Russian. He continues to hold some regard for the old country and believes that the present form of government in Russia is the best in the world and speaks of it in glowing terms. I asked him about the prisons and the police. He can't convince me that people are no longer avaricious in Russia because they are supposedly equal. He answers that there are no prisons in Russia, that no one steals because they all have plenty. I can't accept that argument. Our discussions and disagreements were about things like that. I think, at least I hope, that perhaps my father will be shaken in his views by the changes that have taken place in Russia recently. Of course, I don't know whether he's changed or not.

Damon: What political advice have your parents given you?

ARNAUTOFF: Occasionally, around election time, they will send me political tracts or suggest a particular candidate that they or the RAS are sponsoring or supporting. I recall in a recent election, they encouraged me to support a man--I think his name was Brown--as head of the California School System.

Damon: What candidates have you supported who were suggested by your parents?

ARNAUTOFF: None. I did not support the man Brown, for instance, because after reading the pamphlets my parents sent me, I came to the conclusion the man was not qualified for the position. I usually vote for the man I think qualified, not because of his association with a particular party or because someone recommends him highly.

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Damon: What literature have your parents sent to you?

ARNAUTOFF: As I said earlier, they occasionally send me Russian books that they receive through the RAS. And the occasional political pamphlets which come about election time. They send Russian story books to my daughter. The books from RAS are usually about Russia. I think one was called Through the Soviet Union. He sent me one recently which I have on my book shelf, called Steel and Slag, by V. Popov. I haven't read it and probably never will.

Damon: What do you do with the books and other literature?

ARNAUTOFF: The political pamphlets, I burn. So far as the books that they send to my daughter are concerned, my wife and I look through them, if they contain nothing political we let our daughter read them. If they seem to be political, we keep the books from her and eventually get rid of them. The adult books that they send me, well, I don't read them and usually get rid of them, although I don't like to burn or throw away books. Anyway, I don't like what is in the books.

Damon: What do you object to in the books?

ARNAUTOFF: Since I was young, I've been an avid reader. While I was living with my parents I used to read all the Russian books which were translated into English. But the stories get a little repetitious and unreadable. For instance, the book on my shelf, Steel and Slag. It's probably a spy story concerning a White Russian in opposition to the government. The White Russian will either be brain washed or die suddenly. All Russian stories seem to go this way. Any criminal in Russia is a counter-revolutionary. After a time this pattern gets monotonous. Besides, I've been brought up in American public schools and my ideas are not those which are contained in the Russian books.

Damon: Did you ever have any contact with the DPW, the Daily Worker, New Masses, or Mainstreams?

ARNAUTOFF: I believe my father may have subscribed to the DPW and New Masses, because I recall seeing them around his house. I don't ever recall reading or seeing the others.

Damon: How frequently did you read the DPW or New Masses?

ARNAUTOFF: Occasionally I would thumb through New Masses, which I recall came monthly. I never did anything more than glance through it, looking at the cartoons, most of which were quite vicious politically. I occasionally read the DPW, but I did not like the paper since I found little in it that was praise worthy. Usually the DPW was shouting or sneering at someone or about some issue. It slanted the news and gave one-sided viewpoints. I preferred the San Francisco Chronicle, which I read daily, since it gave a more balanced view of the news.

Damon: How great an influence do you feel your parents have exerted over you politically?

ARNAUTOFF: If anything, their influence has driven me to a point opposite their views. In ways, I think their having Russian books and papers like the DPW around was the best thing that ever happened to me. It gave me a balanced view early in life. The continued harping and complaining of the DPW and other literature about the oppression of minority racial and national groups, and so forth, sickened me. I did not want to have anything to do with that type of thinking. In many ways, my knowledge of

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Russian literature and progressive literature, strengthened my own beliefs in American Democracy.

Damon: Did your parents ever attempt to exert any influence over you to join any organizations or follow any political ideologies?

ARNAUTOFF: No. They always left us to do our own choosing. Our parents told us that we must choose for ourselves what was right and wrong. I guess, if my parents ever intended for my brothers and me to follow their beliefs, that we fooled them because both my brothers think like I do and cannot accept or support my parents' beliefs.

Damon: What is your opinion of Communism?

ARNAUTOFF: I don't think it is a workable system. The CP and its ideology consider every person to be equal and consequently believe that all people think and act the same way. Thus it believes that everything can be put in one pot from which everyone gets an equal share. The system does not take into account the fact that each person is an individual human being, who is naturally aggressive and different from every other human being. Communism suppresses personal initiative.

Damon: Do you think that the CP of the United States is a threat to the security of the United States, and as such should be outlawed?

ARNAUTOFF: I really don't know. If the CP is just a political discussion group, it should be allowed to exist without restraint. However, if it is planning to overthrow the government, and if it has world wide ties, then it is dangerous to the security of the United States. However, I don't really know much about the CP, although I have heard and read that it is not just a discussion group.

Damon: What is your parents opinion of Communism?

ARNAUTOFF: I really don't know. We have never discussed Communism thoroughly. However, apparently from the literature I've received from them, and because of their membership with the RAS, my parents feel that Communism is a system of government which will work.

Damon: What is your opinion of Socialism?

ARNAUTOFF: I have no knowledge of Socialism.

Damon: What is your opinion of our present form of Democratic government?

ARNAUTOFF: I favor it. I have been brought up in American public schools and believe in the Democratic processes of government. There are changes that could and will be made in the government, but such changes should only be made through the present constitutional processes.

Damon: To what organizations have you, or do you presently belong?

ARNAUTOFF: I hold a membership card in the Hollywood Riviera Democratic Club, but I have paid no dues and have attended no meetings since the club was organized nearly a year ago. I was a charter member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in San Francisco, and have attended VFW meetings in Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, California, but I am presently not active in any veterans group. I have associated with no other groups.

Damon: Do you presently support one of the two major political parties in the United States?

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ARNAUTOFF: Yes. I am presently registered as a member of the Democratic Party.

Damon: Have you ever supported any third party in the United States?

ARNAUTOFF: No.

Damon: You mentioned a J. Cameron Barefoot earlier in the interview. How much contact did you have with Barefoot?

ARNAUTOFF: I knew him only at work with the Benson-Lehner Corporation. I met him sometime in the fall of 1957 and had contact with him daily at work for approximately four months until his lay-off in December 1957. I have not seen him since that time and know nothing about him beyond the fact that he told me he was having difficulty in securing a security clearance because of comments some people had made concerning his membership or participation in certain organizations.

Damon: Why was the FBI concerned about your trip out of the country in 1952?

ARNAUTOFF: In 1949, I was employed as a radio operator by a man named Ellis E. Patterson who was sailing on a ship to Central America on a gold hunting trip. I did a lot of amateur radio operating while on the trip and gave my San Francisco address to which people might write if they heard my signal. Consequently I began to receive a lot of mail from all parts of the world, and I guess the FBI got suspicious. They came to inquire about the volume of mail I was receiving. After they learned that it was a result of my radio work, they laughed about it and considered the incident cleared up.

Damon: Is there anything which you would like to add at this time which might help the Department of Army in reaching a decision?

ARNAUTOFF: No. (END OF STATEMENT).

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Re Bulet to San Francisco dated 1/2/59.

On 1/5/59 JAMES CAVANAUGH, Security Officer, U.S. State Department, San Francisco, Calif., advised that a check of the records of the Passport Office at San Francisco, dating back to 6/58, failed to reflect the record of the issuance of a passport to either of the ARNAUTOFFs.

Washington Field is requested to check with the Passport Office, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C., to determine if Subjects have obtained current passports for travel abroad.

San Francisco is checking with its sources for additional information in this matter.

Bulet to San Francisco, dated 1/2/59, instructed this matter should be handled immediately.

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ON 1/9/59 SA KENNETH J. HASER was advised by employees of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., that no record of any application for the subjects has been received by the Passport Office. RUC.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

In view of the limited number of people present with the Subject and SF T-1 at meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, the exact dates and places of the meetings were not set forth in the details of this report. In order to pro-

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tect the identity of SF T-1, who conceivably could be disclosed if such information were set forth in the report, the following information is being set forth in the administrative pages.

SF T-1, on 8/4/58, advised that a meeting of Club #2 was held on 7/22/58 at 430 Hill Street, San Francisco, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended. According to SF T-1, the main topic of discussion of the meeting was "What Can the CP do to force the U.S. Government to pull American troops out of the Middle East?" SF T-1 said VICTOR ARNAUTOFF answered this question by saying that the American troops were sent to the Middle East to protect the investments of the American capitalists in Arabia. SF T-1 said that when some of the members present stated that there was no danger of war, ARNAUTOFF disagreed and said that if the people in the USA do not protest to Washington, the American capitalist intervention may provoke a war.

On 9/19/58, SF T-1 advised that a meeting of Club #2 was held on 9/3/58 at 221 Noe Street, San Francisco, at which the Subject attended. According to SF T-1, Subject read a leaflet which he had prepared for the Russian Colony in San Francisco about education in the United States. In this leaflet, the Subject blamed the poor educational system in the USA (lack of teachers, and classrooms, poor teaching methods, etc.) on American businessmen. Subject said that the businessmen control the Government and prefer to spend money on preparations for war and refused to give ample sums of money for education. According to Subject, only by supporting a peace movement can the American people stop war preparations and divert some of this money to education.

SF T-1 on 11/3/58 advised that on 10/29/58 a meeting of Club #2 was held at 430 Hill Street, San Francisco, at which Subject attended. SF T-1 said the main topic was a discussion of the book "An American Road to Socialism" by JAMES ALLAN. SF T-1 said that the

comrades spent the whole hour discussing ALLAN's statement that the transition to socialism in the USA will be peaceful. SF T-1 said one of the comrades said that we could not see a peaceful transition to socialism in the U.S. when even such a small movement as school integration is proceeded with violence. According to SF T-1, the majority of the comrades were of the opinion that there will be struggles but no violence.

SF T-1 said that the Subject said that he expects lots of violence because the ruling capitalist class will not give up its privileges without a struggle. One of the comrades raised the question as to what the members mean by peaceful or violent transition. Do they consider the present struggles in the South (integration) as violent or peaceful? Subject explained that by violent transition he meant Civil War like it was in Russia. The remainder of the comrades agreed with the Subject's definition.

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A check with the U.S. State Department at Washington, D.C. and San Francisco and with sources close to the ARNAUTOFFs in San Francisco, reflected no information indicating that the ARNAUTOFFs planned to travel abroad in the near future.

For the information of the Bureau, reports on Security Index Subjects of the San Francisco Office, whose surnames begin with A, will be submitted to the Bureau in the future in February and/or August.

A copy of this report has been designated to INS, San Francisco, C-4331663, in view of that Agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the Subject of a possible deportation case.

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SF T-1 is [redacted]	Meeting Club #2, CP, 7/22/58	KENNETH F. MOORE	[redacted]
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	"PW" benefit, 6/14/58	"	
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SF T-6 is	Secondary documentation of HOLLAND ROBERTS		
SF T-7 is	"PW" benefit, 9/5/58	FRANK S. PERRONE	
	S.F. Sobell Committee Benefit, 10/4/58	"	
SF T-8 is	"PW" bazaar 12/6-8/58	DIRCK A. MERRILL	
SF T-9 is	ARI sponsored lecture by STANLEY MOFFATT 9/12/58	"	
SF T-10 is R. A. BRANHAM Chief Clerk, Bank of America, Western & Santa Monica Branch, Los Angeles, California	Secondary documentation of STANLEY MOFFATT		

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SF T-11 is [redacted]	ARI luncheon, 11/4/58	DIRCK A. MERRILL	[redacted]
SF T-12 is [redacted]	NCCPFB Festival, 11/15/58	PHILIP B. NOTTINGHAM	

Source used in the documentation of the NCCPFB is:

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Sources used in the documentation of the S.F. Sobell Committee are:

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1. [XX] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [XX] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [XX] A suitable photograph [XX] is [ ] is not available.
5. [XX] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.

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7. [XX] This report is classified confidential because (state reason) [redacted], disclosure of which would be detrimental to the internal security of the USA. In addition, information reported from SF T-1 and SF T-4 could reasonable result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

8. [XX] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) Subject is still in CP, RAS and supports numerous front groups. Remarks of Subject indicate he remains a devoted communist.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [XX] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) Subject continues to be active in CP and RAS, which have been cited by USAG under EO 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA T. D. MC GOLDRICK, JR. Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Date : FEB 20 1959

File Number: SF 100-6359
Bureau 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, and to live at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Subject attended at least 8 meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, from 7/58 to 1/59 and continues to be member of Executive Board, Russian American Society, Inc., now inactive. Subject in contact with EVGENI A. ZAOSTROVTSEV and ANATOLIY A. KARDASHEV, both Second Secretaries, USSR Embassy. Subject participated in activities of the "PW", American Russian Institute, Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and San Francisco Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Mrs. LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE on January 22, 1959 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as an art instructor at Stanford University.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, on January 6, 1959, advised that as of that date VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was known to SF T-1 as a member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. SF T-1 further advised that ARNAUTOFF attended at least eight meetings of Club #2 during the period from July, 1958 to January, 1959.

On October 24, 1958, San Francisco T-2 advised that on October 23, 1958 a celebration in honor of the 39th anniversary of the CP, USA, was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. SF T-2 said that the principal speaker of the evening was ALBERT (MICKEY) LIMA, the Chairman of the 13th District, CP. SF T-2 said that approximately 100 people attending this gathering, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

III. RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS) ACTIVITIES

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On July 5, 1958, SF T-1 advised that in February, 1958, the RAS decided to suspend its operations and a liquidation committee was formed to dispose of RAS assets. SF T-1 said in July, 1958 it was decided that the RAS would not completely disband because of the legal cost involved but instead the RAS would merely become inactive. According to SF T-1, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would continue to serve as a member of the RAS Executive Board even though the organization was inactive.

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San Francisco T-5, on December 11, 1957, advised that as of that date HOLLAND ROBERTS was a member of the Palo Alto Professional Club of the Santa Clara County CP, California.

San Francisco T-6, on October 1, 1958, made available a letter which the source received in the mail on September 30, 1958. According to SF T-6, the letter was written on the stationery of the American Russian Institute, Inc. (ARI), 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, and was signed by HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the ARI.

SF T-4, on January 6, 1959, further advised that on December 21, 1958 KARDASHEV, SYSOEV and an unidentified Soviet from the "SS VITYAZ" dined at the home of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

V. SUPPORT OF THE "PEOPLE'S WORLD" (PW)

The "PW" is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

SF T-2, on June 17, 1958, advised that on June 14, 1958 at the home of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, there was a showing of colored slides for the benefit of the "PW." SF T-2 said that invitation to this affair was by mailed leaflet. According to SF T-2, 15 persons were in attendance at the showing, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

SF T-2, on June 17, 1958, advised that on June 15, 1958 a dinner was held for the benefit of the "PW" as advertised in the "PW" issue of May 7, 1958. SF T-2 said that the dinner was held at 1109 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, and that approximately 30 persons, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, attended.

San Francisco T-7, on September 8, 1958, advised that on September 5, 1958 a policy discussion on "The Crisis in the Middle East and Foreign Policy", which was sponsored by the "PW" was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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The principal speakers were AL RICHMOND, the editor of the "PW" and ALBERT LIMA, the Chairman of the 13th District CP, USA. SF T-7 said that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this affair.

San Francisco T-8, on December 29, 1958, advised that a bazaar for the benefit of the "PW" was held at 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco, on December 6-8, 1958. SF T-8 said that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended all three days of the bazaar.

VI. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI) ACTIVITIES

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-9, on September 15, 1958, advised that on September 12, 1958 a meeting sponsored by the ARI was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. SF T-9 said the principal speaker was STANLEY MOFFATT of Los Angeles, California, who exhibited films that he had taken during his recent visit to the USSR. SF T-9 said that about 200 people attended, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

San Francisco T-10, on September 4, 1958, furnished the signature card of the commercial checking account of the ARI of Southern California at Los Angeles. According to SF T-10, the name of STANLEY MOFFATT was listed on the card as the chairman of this organization.

The above information can be made available through a subpoena duces tecum.

The ARI of Southern California, Los Angeles, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SF T-4, on November 24, 1958, advised that on November 21, 1958 the ARI sponsored a celebration in honor of the 25th anniversary of the recognition of the USSR. The celebration was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco and ROCKWELL KENT was the principal speaker.

SF T-4 said that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this celebration. According to SF T-4, ROCKWELL KENT was introduced as the National Chairman of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-11, on December 1, 1958, advised that on November 4, 1958 a buffet lunch under the auspices of the ARI was held at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco. The luncheon was in honor of General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF and was by invitation only. According to SF T-11, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at this affair.

The "Daily People's World" ("DPW") in its issue of October 4, 1955 on page 7, column 3, carried an item which described General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF as a former Czarist Military Attache in Tokyo, Japan and a member of the Russian Imperial Staff in World War I. The article reflected that YAKHONTOFF has been a U.S. citizen since 1918 and that he is a sympathetic and painstaking student of the Soviet Union.

The "DPW", now known as the "PW", has been described above.

VII. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITIES

For documentation NCCPFB see appendix pages.

San Francisco T-12, on November 18, 1958, advised that on November 15, 1958 the NCCPFB sponsored the Annual Festival of All Nationalities which was held at the Finnish

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Hall, 1810 - 10th Street, Berkeley, California. According to SF T-2, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this function.

VIII SAN FRANCISO SOBELL COMMITTEE (SFSC) ACTIVITIES

For documentation of SFSC see appendix pages.

SF T-7, on October 10, 1958, advised that on October 4, 1958 the SFSC sponsored a function to obtain funds for the benefit of MORTON SOBELL and obtain SOBELL's freedom from prison. According to SF T-7, this affair was held at 959 Ashbury Street, San Francisco. SF T-7 said that approximately 35 persons, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, attended this function.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

SF T-4, on September 17, 1958, advised that on September 12, 1958 he obtained a copy of "American Soviet Facts" at an ARI sponsored film showing. An article on page 4 of "American Soviet Facts" reflected that a public exhibition of American Graphic Art was held at the headquarters of the Union of Soviet Artists in Moscow on May 16, 1958 and was opened by DEMENTI SHMARINOV, Vice-President of the Fine Arts Section of Soviet Societies of Friendship with Foreign Countries. According to SF T-4, the name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF appeared on a list of American artists who contributed paintings to the exhibition.

"American Soviet Facts" describes itself as a publication of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

SF T-4, on November 14, 1958, advised that on November 8, 1958 General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF gave a talk at the home of Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. SF T-4 advised that YAKHONTOFF discussed the Near Eastern and Far Eastern situations and was highly critical of the policies of the United States Government. YAKHONTOFF claimed that the Soviets were the cause of the French and British

leaving the Suez Canal and the Americans and British leaving Lebanon and Jordan. According to SF T-4, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this function.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World", a West Coast communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on April 30, 1958 that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, follows the directives of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) and implements, in Northern California, the national program of the ACPFB.

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, The Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC), and The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on page 60, reflects the following paragraphs concerning the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

> "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--A Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 - 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.
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> "(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

The "People's World," a West Coast communist newspaper on April 21, 1952, page 6, column 5, published an article entitled "Rosenberg case expert due in San Francisco," which reflected that WILLIAM A. REUBEN, identified in the article as a former public relations director for the American Civil Liberties Union and in April, 1952, a reporter for the "National Guardian," would speak in San Francisco on April 27, 1952, under the auspices of the recently organized San Francisco Provisional Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and

Julius Rosenberg. The headquarters of the Provisional San Francisco Committee was set out as 760 Hayes Street, San Francisco.

On page 6, columns 4 and 5 of this issue, the "People's World" also printed an article which reflected that a proposition would be made at the meeting on April 27, 1952, to make the provisional committee a permanent San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The "People's World" on April 25, 1952, page 3, column 5, published an article which reflected that the Rosenberg Committee in New York had made an emergency appeal for funds from the San Francisco Committee, and stated that contributions and loans should be sent to the Rosenberg Committee, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A confidential source advised on April 28, 1952, that the San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for Rosenberg met on April 27, 1952 in San Francisco and organized to distribute literature from and collect funds for the National Office.

A second confidential source on March 27, 1956 furnished the November, 1955 issue of the Sobell Newsletter issued by the Bay Area Council of the Sobell Committee, which published an article which stated that the BACSC would coordinate the work of the several Sobell Committees in the San Francisco area.

A third confidential source advised on September 20, 1956 that the BACSC was an integral part of the National Sobell Committee and received instructions and literature from the National Sobell Committee.

A fourth confidential source advised on January 4, 1957, that the Chairman of the East Bay Sobell Committee, one of the groups in the BACSC, stated in 1956, that there was no difference between the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC) and the BACSC, and that the NCCSC had been formed to focus attention on the Morton Sobell case, and, as outlying Sobell Committees were formed they would send representatives to the meetings in San Francisco.

A fifth confidential source advised on May 12, 1958, that the BACSC is continuing to function and is planning BACSC affairs for the coming summer months.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
SF 100-6359

San Francisco, California
February 20, 1959

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Informants referred to in the report of SA T. D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., dated and captioned as above at San Francisco, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 4/13/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
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OO: San Francisco

Enclosed are two copies of a blind memorandum containing public source information which refers to the captioned Subject.

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On April 8, 1959, HARPER KNOWLES, Director of the Western Research Institute, a private research organization serving business interests in San Francisco, ([redacted]) advised that at the time the Subject testified at length before the U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) at San Francisco on December 11, 1956, he, KNOWLES, furnished to Investigator WILLIAM WHEELER of the HUAC a comprehensive report containing all public source information available on ARNAUTOFF.

A review of Subject's file and a check of the indices of the San Francisco Office reflect no additional pertinent information concerning ARNAUTOFF, other than that which KNOWLES furnished to the HUAC in 1956.

The enclosed blind memorandum contains information taken from public sources concerning ARNAUTOFF subsequent to December 1956.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an article published in the "San Francisco News" edition of September 27, 1957, which is a copy of an interview of ARNAUTOFF and his wife, conducted at the Russian American Society, Inc., (RAS), San Francisco, by DONALD CANTER, a reporter for the "San Francisco News."

No public source material is available concerning the disbandment of the RAS, although for all practical purposes this organization is now nonexistent.

Due to the cost of legal fees and future taxes the RAS corporation has not been formally dissolved. It has, however, relinquished its office at 216 Pierce Street, San Francisco.

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April 13, 1959

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
1007 Washington Avenue
Colma, California

The Polk San Francisco City Directories for the years 1957 and 1958 reflect that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is President of the Russian American Society, Inc., and is a resident of Colma, California.

The September 1958 San Francisco Telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Avenue, Colma, California, and is assigned telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

The Reference Department of the San Francisco Public Library contains a Stanford University Bulletin, Series Ten, dated May 15, 1958, entitled "Courses and Degrees, 1958-1959," which reflects that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF is an Assistant Professor in the Art and Architecture Department of this University.

Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

Russian American Society, Inc., (RAS) X Arnautoff

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The September 27, 1957, edition of the "San Francisco News" contains an article entitled "Peace, but Behind Curtain Move Ominous Shadows," which is a report of an interview of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA, conducted at the RAS, 216 Pierce Street, San Francisco, by DONALD CANTER, a reporter for the "San Francisco News," which is a San Francisco daily newspaper. This article described VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as President of the RAS, and said that ARNAUTOFF was born in the Ukraine, Russia, became a naturalized American citizen, and is Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. The article stated that in the early 1930s ARNAUTOFF was an instructor at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco, and that he has painted murals in several public buildings in San Francisco.

Graphic Arts Workshop (GAW)

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ENCLOSURE

The Winter, 1957 (January 18 to March 30, 1957) Catalogue, published by the California Labor School (CLS), 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, contains a list of classes to be taught at the GAW, 271 Francisco Street, San Francisco, as part of the CLS curriculum.

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 5, 1958, edition of the "People's World," page 3, columns 1 and 2, contained an article captioned "A Principled Artist Displays His Work," which reflected that thirty years of work by artist VICTOR ARNAUTOFF were on exhibition at the Graphic Arts Workshop, 271 Francisco Street, San Francisco.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

Miscellaneous

The May 19, 1958, edition of the "San Francisco News" contained an article captioned "Russ Like Art From S. F.," which described an exhibition of San Francisco Bay Area artist's works, that opened that week in a Moscow, USSR, art museum. The article stated that according to Radio Moscow, "The works of Victor Arnautoff, another of (Diego) Rivera's pupils, are close to realism. He manages to find poetry and beauty in the most unprepossessing subjects."

The July 15, 1958, issue of "American Soviet Facts" on page 4 contained an article entitled "American Graphic Art in Moscow," which reflected that a public exhibition of American graphic art was held at the headquarters of the Union of Soviet Artists in Moscow. American artists, whose work was exhibited, included VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

"American Soviet Facts" describes itself as being published by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

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The January 19, 1959, edition of the "National Guardian," page 7, column 4, contains an article entitled "Immigration Law Hit, WALTER-MC CARRAN CHANGE ASKED IN OPEN LETTER," which reflected a group of 76 leading United States citizens, in an open letter to Congress, urge a five-year statute of limitations on deportation and naturalization proceedings under the Walter-McCarran Immigration Law. Specifically, the signers urge that no person legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence shall be deportable after five years, and that no naturalized citizen, after five years of citizenship, shall be denaturalized for any reason. The name of the artist, "WALTER" ARNAUTOFF, appeared as a signer of this letter.

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394, cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

The masthead of the "National Guardian," issue of December 23, 1957, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 E. 4th Street, New York 9, New York

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'Peace,' but Behind Curtain Move Ominous Shadows

BY DONALD CANTER

Our heritage has its shadowy sides.

CANTER

Some of the shadows are visible, like those that can be seen through the drawn curtains of a little shop at 216 Pierce st. for two hours each week.

That's on Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m. when the silhouettes of a little group of people huddled at a small round table can be seen from the usually deserted street.

In the shop window hangs a poster. In many languages it says: Peace.

PEACE
In many languages.

THE SHOP is run by Victor Arnautoff, president of the Russian-American Society, Inc.

He says that poster indicates exactly what his organization is trying to promote: Peace.

The attorney general has different ideas and has put the society on his subversive list.

ONE RECENT Friday evening I knocked on the door of the shop.

Arnautoff, a trim looking man in the early sixties, apologized for the chaos—books in Russian and literature printed in the Soviet Union were strewn all over the place—and added that there was so much to be done that it wasn't a very good time for an interview.

He promised to phone me to make an appointment. He didn't so I contacted him. Arnautoff suggested it might be better if I met all the members of the board of the Society.

I WAS to see them at 216 Pierce st., but as I entered only Arnautoff and his wife were present.

The delay had given me a chance to learn more about Arnautoff and the Russian-American Society.

I found that he was born in the Ukraine, became a naturalized American citizen and is now an assistant professor of art at Stanford University.

In the early thirties he was an instructor at the California School of Fine Art and he has done some murals in the Coit Tower.

TWO YEARS ago Arnautoff made headlines when his cartoon, "Dix McSmear," was banned from the San Francisco Art Festival. He made it as a reference to Vice President Nixon's role in the Hiss Case.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
"Cultural ties."

HERITAGE
Published Monday Through Friday In The News

Then last year Arnautoff's name cropped up during the investigation of the California Labor School by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

A WITNESS named as Communist Party members several people connected with the school, among them Arnautoff.

The City Directory gave the last known address for the Russian-American Society as 321 Divisadero—the address of the California Labor School, which folded three months ago.

Several Russian-American friends in San Francisco had told me they wouldn't be caught dead with Arnautoff and his Russian-American Society.

SO I DECIDED to talk to him.

Not once during the 70 minutes of our talk did Arnautoff try to evade any of my questions.

"The Russian-American Society tries to strengthen cultural ties between this country and the Soviet Union," he said.

Q: Do you try to maintain the ties between Russian immigrants and their homeland or is it your aim to bring them closer to the Soviet Union?

A: I don't see the difference between Russia and the Soviet Union.

Q: Don't you consider the Soviet Union a potential threat against our democratic way of life?

A: I'm sure you've never been there, otherwise you wouldn't talk that way.

Q: When was the Russian-American Society founded?

A: In 1941, just a few weeks before the Russian War Relief was organized.

Q: How many members has the society?

A: None.

Q: What does the society consist of?

A: Just seven board members.

Q: What are its activities?

A: Library meetings and lectures.

Q: Where does most of your literature come from?

A: From the Soviet Union. We have contact with "VOKS," which is the USSR Department for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Q: How many magazines and newspapers do you receive every month?

A: Too few. (It was the first time Arnautoff appeared to lose his temper.) Most of them never arrive here. They're mailed all right in Moscow, but they disappear in this country. Seems the Atty. Gen. has instructed the post office to hold some of them back. Sometimes we get only one-third of what is sent. Do you call that just?

Q. Who comes to read this Soviet literature?

A. All kinds of people. But we don't ask whether they're Republicans, Democrats, Socialists or Communists. All we're interested in is bringing the two countries closer together and help them live in peace.

FALLOUT is the name Victor Arnautoff gave his contribution to this year's S. F. Art Festival, which opened at Washington Square yesterday. In 1955 his political cartoon of Nixon was banned from the festival. (News Photo)

I THEN TOLD Arnautoff what a witness had said last year of him: He's a member of the Communist Party.

Arnautoff took another puff at his pipe, just looked at me.

So I asked: Don't you think that if that statement is true, this might also put the label "Communist" on the entire Russian-American Society?

A. I don't see what my political ideas and affiliations have to do with the society.

Q. You are the president, aren't you?

A. If you want to imply that we are pro-Soviet Union, I've got nothing against that label. After all, we are trying to create understanding for that country.

I ASKED why the Russian-American Society had held it desirable to have its office on the premises of the California Labor School, which was under investigation for subversive activities.

Arnautoff corrected me:

We did not move in with the Labor School. The school came to us. We had a lease on the building. When it got too expensive we sublet the second floor to the school.

Q: Have you ever been a teacher at the school?

A: Yes, a couple of years.

Q: Did you come to America as a refugee?

A: I didn't come as a refugee, but as an art student, in 1925.

Q: Why did you stay here?

A: By my own choice.

THE CONVERSATION then switched to international relations.

DRAWN CURTAINS never open in little shop at 216 Pierce st., not even on Friday evenings when the Russian-American Society holds its weekly "library night." (News Photo)

Said Arnautoff: The Soviet Union isn't threatening anybody. It tries to live peacefully with every country in the world.

Q: Didn't Soviet tanks smash a popular uprising in Hungary? Aren't the Soviets occupying the soil of another nation against its will?

A: I wasn't there, but it is my understanding they were there at the request of the Hungarian government.

Q: The 200,000 people who left Hungary, are they all traitors? Do they all lie when they describe the unprovoked onslaught of the Soviets?

A: First, I've never heard that 200,000 Hungarians left. And second, you must never listen to people who hold a grudge against something or somebody.

Q: What about the report of the United Nations?

A: Don't believe in it.

Q: Why not?

A: They were not there.

SO I TOLD him the reason the UN commission wasn't on the spot is because the Communists wouldn't let them in.

To that Arnautoff replied: Why don't we let history judge? History has always been the best judge of everything. One should never mix in internal affairs of other countries.

AS I BADE the couple goodbye, Mrs. Arnautoff said: "You'd better learn some manners in asking questions."

And I replied: "Fortunately we in America live in a country where one can ask questions, any question."

The door closed behind me. I could see two shadows through the closed curtains.

Also the poster in the window.

In many languages it still said: Peace.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 5/7/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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ReBuairtel 3/13/59, "House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Proposed Hearings, Los Angeles, California, 5/59," and rerep SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR. dated 2/20/59 at San Francisco, on captioned Subject.

Since submission of rerep, there is no current information in our possession regarding ARNAUTOFF. Therefore, no report is being submitted at this time. - P* -

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	8/26/59	7/1 - 8/24/59

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	T.D. MC GOLDRICK, JR.	lmr
	CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA T.D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., 2/20/59, at San Francisco

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of the limited number of people present with the Subject and SF T-1 at meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, the exact dates and places of the meetings were not set forth in the details of this report.

In order to protect the identity of SF T-1, who conceivably could be disclosed if such information were set forth in the report, the following information is being set forth in the administrative pages.

On 3/6/59, SF T-1 advised that on 3/2/59 a meeting of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, was held at 323 Hill Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. Discussed at

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this meeting was the Negro problem in San Francisco, the "People's World" press and fund drive, and the Berlin crisis. The club quota for the "PW" drive was set at $800 and each member was asked to obtain a subscription for the "PW" from one of their friends.

On 3/26/59, SF T-1 advised that on 3/23/59 a meeting of Club #2 was held at 430 Grove Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. The main topic of discussion was the Berlin crisis. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF reported that the American Russian Institute had recently received pictures and lithographs from Soviet artists in the USSR and these are on display at the ARI offices.

On 3/31/59, SF T-1 furnished a list of members of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, as of 3/26/59. The name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was included on this list.

On 4/16/59, SF T-1 advised that on 4/13/59 a meeting of Club #2 was held at 5765 - 21st Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. The main topic of discussion was the legislative program of the Communist Party of Northern California.

On 6/3/59, SF T-1 advised that on 5/31/59 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a dues-paying member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, and that ARNAUTOFF's dues were paid up for the first quarter of 1959.

On 6/29/59, SF T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was paid up in his dues for the second quarter of 1959 with Club #2.

On 7/22/59, SF T-1 advised that on 7/7/59 a meeting of Club #2 was held at 430 Hill Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended. The main topics of discussion were the last San Francisco County CP Committee meeting and the progress of the "PW" fund drive.

A copy of this report has been designated to INS, San Francisco in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

A translation of the letter distributed by ARNAUTOFF under the "Russian Democratic Association of California" was made by Miss TZIEREL GURMAN, of the San Francisco Office.

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SOURCES:

Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
FOIA(b)(7)-(D) SF T-1 - [redacted]	[redacted]
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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)
   information reported from SF T-1 could reasonably result in the identificatinn of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise his effectiveness thereof.

8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
   subject is still a CP member and is active in CP front groups.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
    subject continues to be active in CP, which has been cited by the U.S. Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA T.D. MC GOLDRICK, JR. Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 8/26/59

File Number: SF 100-6359 Bureau 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, and to live at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. During period March, 1959 to July, 1959, he attended at least four meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. Subject, using name of "Russian Democratic Association of California", a non-existent organization, disseminated Soviet propaganda to Russian Colony in San Francisco. ARNAUTOFF participated in activities ofAmerican Russian Institute, Inc., and Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

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DETAILS:

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Miss HELENA REYNOLDS, Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, on August 20, 1959, advised Special Agent FRED R. ELLEDGE that on March 20, 1959, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was reappointed as an Assistant Professor inthe Art Department for the 1959 - 1960 scholastic year. The records of her office indicated that ARNAUTOFF continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

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During the period from March, 1959 to July, 1959, SF T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended at least four meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County Communist Party. According to SF T-1, during this period, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member in good standing of Club #2.

III. RUSSIAN DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

SF T-1 on November 18, 1958 advised that the Russian Democratic Association of California is a non-existent organization. The name is used by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on occasions to disseminate propaganda to the Russian Colony in San Francisco.

On February 3, 1959, Mrs. ARIADNA DENISOW, 1409 Geary Street, Apartment 6, San Francisco, California, furnished Special Agents HENRY D. GRUSH and ALBERT J. LAVERY a mimeographed letter which she had received in the mail on January 29, 1959, which letter was postmarked at San Francisco on January 28, 1959. The letter was written in the Russian language and it contained the name of the Russian Democratic Association of California at the bottom.

Translation of the letter from Russian reads as follows:

"An Address to the Russian Colony.

"The year 1958 gave us an opportunity to become convinced graphically of the imperialist politics of the United States, the Government of which disguising as peace-loving and fighter for law and order assumed the role of gendarme of the whole world. Imperialism tries to dictate its will with guns, threats, blackmail, terror, and with all other means and methods, that the world bandit HITLER used.

"In 1958 because of the adventurous (opportunist) policies of DULLES and Co., the world was twice on the brink of war. In the summer, the American imperialists and their obedient followers, pretending to the right of intervention in the affairs of other peoples, unleashed a conflict in the Near East. They occupied or, more correctly, seized impudently two Arab governments -- Lebanon and Jordan.

"In the recent past, intervening in the internal affairs of People's China, DULLES and Co., set against it, their Kuomintang 'Punch' Chang Kai-she, the efforts to begin a big war in the Far East.

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"There are such dunces in the war ministry of the USA, who repeat the statements of Hitler and Ural should be the frontier of Germany. The Japanese also repeated again and again that Lake Baikal should definitely be the first line of defense for them. A surprising maliciousness, is not it so? However, all know well how the adventures of Hitler and the Japanese ended.

"The American and Western imperialism is not able and is not capable, because of its dying out, to present any kind of creative idea or program for the present moment, and the only argument at its disposal -- this is a threat of war.

"In order to stop the rapidly growing and victorious socialism, the imperialists are ready to unleash an annihilating war with all the horrors of atomic and hydrogen bombs, figuring, apparently, that 'if to perish -- then with a crash'.

"In spite of the threatening clouds, that have accumulated on the international horizon, the people of the entire world SHOULD and MUST defend PEACE. The guarantee of which, first of all, is the huge role that the Soviet Union, the Chinese People's Republic and other democratic republics play, whose foreign policy is directed toward the fight for peace and the strengthening of international security.

"Only thanks to the Soviet Union, England and France had to get out from Egypt during the incident with the Suez Canal. Only thanks to the Soviet Union the American and English troops had to get out from Lebanon and Jordan; and only thanks to the declaration by the Government of the Soviet Union that the attack on the Chinese People's Republic is also an attack on the Soviet Union, threatening to strike if the imperialist gang and its flunky Chang Kai-she was forced to come down in a powerless malice.

"Our Russian yellow press -- RUSSIAN LIFE and NASHE VREMYA were ashamed to make an analysis of the Nov. 4 elections of last year, and the failure with crash of their candidate Sen. Knowland to the office of the Governor of the State of California. Former Senator Knowland was one of the initiators and instigators of the preparation of war against the Chinese People's Republic and the Soviet Union.

"The smashing of the Republic Party shows that the people demands and expects from the government changes of the foreign

"policy of Messrs. Dulles, Eisenhower, Nixon and the military party. The people demands improvement of relation toward the Soviet Union that should help to decide by peaceful means all questinns that arose after the second world war.

"The people demands the restoration of the diplomatic and trade relations with the Chinese Democratic Republic.

"RUSSIAN DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA"

On February 5, 1959, SF T-1 advised that the letter set forth above was written by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and typed by his wife LYDIA ARNAUTOFF. S.I.

IV. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI) ACTIVITIES

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 3, 1959, SF T-2 advised that on January 23, 1959 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting at the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to discuss with others the possibility of forming a committee to urge the bringing of a peace crusade to San Francisco. According to T-2, HOLLAND ROBERTS, the President of the ARI, wanted some of those present to prepare the groundwork for such a committee. ROBERTS wanted those persons to organize people who were not "leftists" and have these people organize a peace organization in the United States that would be national in scope and that it would be a peace organization which everyone can join. ROBERTS said that this organization must be non-leftist and non-communist. He said that, of course, the people who start it would be Communists but that then they would step back and allow church organizations and various civic and social organizatinns to take the lead; otherwise, ROBERTS said it would be the same old organization with the same people leading it and he said it was apparent at this time that the American people will not join an organization that has "leftists" as its sponsors.

On June 24, 1959, SF T-3 advised that on June 19, 1959 an affair sponsored by the ARI was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this meeting. HOLLAND ROBERTS, the President of the ARI, was the principal speaker. ROBERTS described his recent visit to the Soviet Union.

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V. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITIES

For documentation of the NCCPFB see Appendix Pages.

On April 28, 1959, SF T-4 advised that on April 24, 1959 the sixth annual testimonial evening of the NCCPFB was held at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. Approximately 200 persons attended, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. Approximately $1,000 was collected in contributions from the audience for the benefit of the NCCPFB.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," a West Coast communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on April 17, 1959, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, follows the directives of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) and implements, in Northern California, the national program of the ACPFB.

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California
August 26, 1959

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA T. D. McGOLDRICK, JR.	jab

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REFERENCE: Report of SA T. D. McGOLDRICK, JR. dated August 26, 1959, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

In view of the limited number of people present with the Subject and SF T-1 at meetings of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County Communist Party (SFCCP), the exact dates and places of the meetings were not set forth in the "DETAILS" of this report. In order to protect the identity of SF T-1, which conceivably could be disclosed if such information were set forth in the report, the following information is being set forth in the "COVER PAGES."

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On August 11, 1959, a meeting of Club #2 was held at 430 Hill Street, San Francisco, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. The principal topic of discussion was "Development of Inner Party Democracy in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union." Everybody took part in the discussion, praising the renewal of democracy in the Soviet Union which started after the death of STALIN. It was also announced that the members of Club #2 would be in charge of the snack bar at a forthcoming "People's World" (PW) picnic. A report was given on the last meeting of the SFCCP.

SF T-1 on September 21, 1959, furnished the following information:

As of September 20, 1959, the record of dues payments of the members of Club #2 for the third quarter of 1959 indicated that LYDIA'S ARNAUTOFF had paid eighty cents in dues and her husband, VICTOR, had paid $3.00.

SF T-1 on September 21, 1959, furnished the following information:

On September 14, 1959, a meeting of Club #2 was held at 343 Hill Street, San Francisco, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. A report was read on the last meeting of the SFCCP. Plans were made to submit recommendations to the National Convention of the CP, which was to be held on December 10, 1959, and to the District Convention of the CP, to be held November 20, 1959.

SF T-1 on October 12, 1959, furnished the following information:

On October 5, 1959, a meeting of Club #2 was held at 3765 - 21st Street, San Francisco, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. A discussion was held on a draft of political resolutions which was to be sent to the forthcoming CP National Convention. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF explained to those present the significance of these resolutions.

SF T-1 on November 13, 1959, furnished the following information:

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On November 9, 1959, a meeting of Club #2 was held at 34A Hill Street, San Francisco, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. A resolution was submitted in which the CP was urged to have more faith in the working class and to lead the work class to eventual revolution and socialism. After some discussion, this resolution was adopted by Club #2. Another resolution was proposed, asking the CP to have a more independent role in elections and to have its own candidates. This resolution was also adopted by the club. Delegates to forthcoming CP county and district conventions were also elected.

A copy of this report has been designated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

INFORMANTS:

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

Identity of Source	File Where Located
SF T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]
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Source used in documentation of Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) is: [redacted]

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8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

he is still a CP member and is active in CP front groups.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject continues to be active in the CP, which has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C4331663)(RM)

Report of: SA T. D. McGOLDRICK, JR. Office: San Francisco
Date: 2/19/60

File Number: San Francisco 100-6359 Bureau File #: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as an art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and to live at 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. He continues to be a dues-paying member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, having attended at least four meetings of Club #2 during period from Aug., 1959, to Nov., 1959. Subject participated in activities of American Russian Institute, Inc. and Northern Calif. Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On January 5, 1960, LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues his employment as Assistant Professor in the Art Department. During the winter quarter (semester), ARNAUTOFF will teach classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. According to Miss OWEN, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to list his residence as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 has advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be a dues-paying member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County Communist Party (SFCCP). According to T-1, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended at least foure meetings of Club #2 between August, 1959, and November, 1959.

III. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI) ACTIVITIES

The American Russian Institute, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-2 on September 22, 1959, furnished the following information:

On September 18, 1959, the ARI sponsored a talk by MICHAEL WALDEN, which was held at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco. According to T-2, WALDEN, the principal speaker, identified himself as the secretary of the ARI of Southern California. The theme of WALDEN's speech was "The U.S.S.R. I Saw in May and June, 1959." T-2 said that approximately eighteen persons attended this talk, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

The ARI of Southern California has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-2 on November 17, 1959, furnished the following information:

On November 15, 1959, the ARI sponsored a 42nd Birthday Celebration of the U.S.S.R., which was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue. The principal speaker was HOLLAND ROBERTS, the president of the ARI. The theme of ROBERTS' speech was

"Everything Has to be Planned. We Cannot Wait for Peace. We Must Win it." ROBERTS said that during his visit to Russia, he met and talked with Soviet Premier NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and that he asked KHRUSHCHEV what the people in the United States could do to "transfer from a military economy to a peaceful economy." According to ROBERTS, KHRUSHCHEV made the following proposals for peace: (1) stop all testing of atomic weapons; (2) demilitarize West Berlin; (3) settle the Berlin question and remove all foreign troops from Berlin; and (4) total disarmament.

IV. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITIES

For documentation of the NCCPFB, refer to Appendix Page.

SF T-3 on December 4, 1959, furnished the following information:

On November 29, 1959, a social function sponsored by the NCCPFB was held at 5015 Broderick Street, San Francisco, California. According to T-3, approximately sixty people attended this social, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. Fifty-three dollars was collected from those in attendance for the benefit of the NCCPFB.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

SF T-1 on September 21, 1959, furnished the following information:

On September 19, 1959, MICHAEL WALDEN, secretary of the ARI of Southern California, gave a lecture at the residence of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. WALDEN discussed his recent visit to the Soviet Union. According to T-1, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at this lecture.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," a West Coast communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on April 17, 1959, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, follows the directives of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) and implements, in Northern California, the national program of the ACPFB.

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law.

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San Francisco, California

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 7/12/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
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[redacted] on May 26, 1960, furnished the San Francisco Office with an undated mimeographed letter, signed by ARNAUTOFF, which reflected that the Subject was considering the possibility of organizing a group of American artists, art students, and art patrons to visit the USSR in the Summer of 1960. The letter indicated that the purpose of the tour would be to visit art schools, museums, galleries, artists studios, and for personal contact and discussions with Soviet artists.

To date, sources of the San Francisco Office, who are in a position to report on the activities of ARNAUTOFF, have been unable to determine if or when ARNAUTOFF will take this tour.

WFO is requested to check with the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, for any information concerning ARNAUTOFF's contemplated travel.

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Ref. SFlet, dated 7-12-60, requesting that WFO check the Passport Office, Department of State, for any information concerning subject's contemplated travel.

On 7-26-60, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Liaison Officer, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SE JOHN R. CRUMP that there was no passport record for subject in her files.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	THOMAS D. MC GOIDRICK	jew
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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS D. MC GOIDRICK dated 2/19/60, at San Francisco.

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7. [XX] This report is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" because (state reason)

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it contains information furnished by a reliable confidential informant ( ) who attends with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF meetings of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. Attendance at these meetings is small and information reported by concerning these meetings could reasonably lead to his identification and the loss of a valuable informant.

8. [XX] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[XX] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

reliable sources advised subject is a dedicated Communist and is hostile toward the U. S. Government, especially the FBI.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [XX] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

subject continues to be an active member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. He is known to have paid his CP dues for the period covering 10/59 through 3/60. His last known attendance at a CP meeting was on 5/23/60.

11. [XX] Subject's SI card [XX] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[XX] Subject's activities [XX] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of: THOMAS D. MC GOIDRICK Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 8/3/60

Field Office File No.: 100-6359 Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as an art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and to live at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif. He continues to be a dues-paying member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP, having attended at least 5 meetings of Club No. 2 during the period from January, 1960 to May, 1960. Subject participated in activities of American Russian Institute (ARI), Inc., and Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB). Subject attended benefits for "People's World." Banking information set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On July 22, 1960, LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF continues his employment as Assistant Professor in the Art Department.

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ARNAUTOFF has no classes to teach during the Summer quarter, however, at the start of the Fall quarter, he will resume teaching classes probably on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Miss OWEN said that ARNAUTOFF has received his appointment for next year to continue teaching at Stanford University. She stated that ARNAUTOFF continues to list his residence as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The July, 1960 Street Address Telephone Directory for San Francisco lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 on March 22, 1960, advised that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF continues to be a dues-paying member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP (SFCCP) from October, 1959, through March, 1960.

SF T-1 on February 12, 1960, furnished the following information:

On January 18, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, was held at 34A Hill Street, San Francisco, California. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at this meeting. The principal topic of discussion during the meeting was the CP National Convention.

SF T-1 on February 19, 1960, furnished the following information:

On February 11, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2 was held at 323 Hill Street, San Francisco, and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this meeting. The main topic of discussion was the minutes of the 17th National CP Convention.

SF T-1 on March 16, 1960, furnished the following information:

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On March 2, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2 was held at 323 Hill Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA, were in attendance. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was elected Chairman of the meeting. The main topic of discussion was the recent California CP Convention.

SF T-1 on April 12, 1960, furnished the following information:

On April 11, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2 was held at 1250 Girard Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. The nominations of officers for the forthcoming year for Club No. 2 were made at this meeting. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was nominated for Educational Secretary of Club No. 2. It was decided that at the next meeting of Club No. 2 the nominations would be open and the Club would proceed with the elections of officers.

SF T-2 on May 10, 1960, furnished the following information:

On May 7, 1960, the Warehouse Section, SFCCP, held a benefit for the "People's World" at 1250 Girard Street, San Francisco. Approximately 65 to 70 persons attended this benefit, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. Food and drinks were offered for sale at the benefit. Those who attended the party predicted that the net receipts of the benefit would bring in at least $50.00 to $60.00 for the benefit of the "People's World."

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

SF T-1 on June 16, 1960, furnished the following information:

On May 23, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2 was held at 34A Hill Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. A report was made to the Club on the recent San Francisco County Committee CP Convention. Also discussed was the failure of the Summit meeting in Paris. It was the joint opinion of the comrades in attendance that KHRUSHCHEV realized that nothing would be gained by him at the Summit meeting and, therefore, "by

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talking bluntly, KHRUSHCHEV proved to the whole world the war intentions of capitalist powers." The comrades in attendance also agreed that the strong condemnation of EISENHOWER and his policies by KHRUSHCHEV would prevent future war provocations by the United States and thus assure world peace. At the meeting VICTOR ARNAUTOFF discussed the recent demonstrations at the San Francisco City Hall against the House Committee on Un-American Activities. According to ARNAUTOFF, as a result of the demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities, there were many comments made at the campus at Stanford University. ARNAUTOFF said that many professors and students who previously had never discussed politics with him, asked ARNAUTOFF questions concerning the demonstrations and made some very uncomplimentary remarks about the committee.

SF T-1 further advised that during this meeting, the comrades all decided to have a raffle on June 2, 1960, at which time a painting of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would be given away.

III. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI) ACTIVITIES

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3 on February 8, 1960, furnished the following information:

On February 6, 1960, a meeting sponsored by the ARI was held at Santa Maria Hall, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. About 125 people were present, including Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. The chairman of the evening was HOLLAND ROBERTS, the President of the ARI.

The main speaker for the evening was SCOTT NEARING who elaborated somewhat on his trip to the Soviet Union. SCOTT NEARING, a former teacher, became interested in Russia in 1917 while he was studying in college. A teacher of his that time was pro-Russian. NEARING believed and still does believe in socialism or as he said socialism or communism today. NEARING's idea is that the United States had its day, Capitalism after the American Revolution in 1776. Russia has its day in socialism now. There have been two counter revolutions in the Soviet Union, one in the 1940's and one in the 1950's. The last one when the fascist

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military control put up a ring of deterrents surrounding the Soviet Union with 175 Air Bases. Their missiles are so powerful that the Soviet Union could be wiped out in two hours according to American statisticians. NEARING talked about LOYOLA ST. IGNATIUS representing the Society Of Jesus, which is the opposite of Communism.

According to NEARING, the Jesuits are so successful because they are trained for specific work. He said that the Bolsheviks copied the organizational set up of the Jesuits and made this their nucleus for Communism. NEARING said that Communism and Socialism are very common in the Soviet Union and that approximately two out of every 100 people in the Soviet Union are Communist Party members.

Before the question and answer period, HOLLAND ROBERTS gave the collection speech which brought in over $350.00.

In a book of biographical essays entitled "Adventurous Americans," edited by one DEVERE ALLEN, there appears on pages 263 - 276 a biographical sketch of SCOTT NEARING. In the Forward to "Adventurous Americans," ALLEN states that he conceived the plan for the book, but that the actual writing of the book was done by close acquaintances of each person depicted. He stated that the actual writers had been willing to remain unknown in order that they might speak without constraint. The following excerpt is taken from the sketch entitled "A Puritan Revolutionist SCOTT NEARING."

"NEARING's ardent sympathy with the Russian Revolution had been intensified by a visit to Soviet Russia in 1925, a trip in which he made a study of the educational system, publishing the first book in English on it. His revolutionary outlook had led him to apply for admission to the Communist Party but his admission was held up for over a year because the leaders felt that his previous pacifism and strong individualistic convictions unfitted him to subscribe wholeheartedly to Party principles or to work in Party harmony. He was finally admitted in 1926 and remained a member three years, longer than most of his friends expected.

"He resigned because of the refusal of the Party's authorities in Moscow to approve a manuscript on imperialism which

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"he had submitted to a Party publishing house. To him, it was more important to publish his work than submit to a Party decision which he disagreed.

"While in the Communist Party, NEARING took no active part in its internal affairs. He lectured at the Workers School and spoke for the Party in political campaigns. Privately, he disagreed with the Party management and he refused to accede to suggestions as to his work in the Party."

The Worker's School of New York City has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives as "an official Communist Party School" located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which was also the headquarters of the Communist Party. According to this citation, instructors of the Workers' School of New York City were always members of the Communist Party. (Report of Special Committee on Un-American Activities rendered on March 29, 1944, Pages 89 and 168.)

SF T-3 on February 10, 1960, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA, attended the meeting sponsored by the ARI held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on February 6, 1960, at which SCOTT NEARING was the principal speaker. SF T-4 furnished substantially the same information concerning NEARING's speech as did SF T-3.

IV. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITY

For documentation of the NCCPFB, refer to appendix page.

SF T-4 on April 28, 1960, furnished the following information:

On April 22, 1960, the 7th Annual testimonial evening of the NCCPFB was held in the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco. Approximately 60 persons attended this meeting, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. It was estimated that $1,300.00 was collected for the benefit of the NCCPFB from those in attendance. The main topic of discussion was the progress of the NCCPFB made in preventing the deportation from the United States of foreign born Communists.

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V. SUPPORT OF THE "PEOPLE'S WORLD" (PW)

SF T-5 on May 9, 1960, furnished the following information:

On May 7, 1960, a benefit for the PW was held at 1215 Girard Street, San Francisco. Approximately 25 persons attended. A ham dinner was served and at the end of the meeting a painting by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was raffled.

SF T-6 on May 18, 1960, furnished the following information:

On May 15, 1960, a fund-raising party for the benefit of the PW was held at 730 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California. Approximately 100 persons attended this benefit, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. The benefit collected approximately $250.00 which was to be given to the PW.

SF T-4 on June 13, 1960, furnished the following information:

On June 11, 1960, a benefit for the PW was held at the Louis D. Brandies Hall, 3445 Sacramento Street, San Francisco. Approximately 150 persons, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, attended this benefit. Approximately $175.00 in contributions for the PW was donated by those in attendance. The program consisted of speeches in favor of the Communist press and entertainment by various folk singers.

VI. CONTACT WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS

SF T-7 on March 17, 1960, advised that the following Soviet nationals stayed in room 109 at the Caravan Lodge, 601 Eddy Street, San Francisco, on March 15, 16, 1960: BORIS G. STRELNIKOV, a Soviet connected with "Pravda" in New York City, and NIKOLAI V. KURDYUMOV, a Soviet connected with "Trude" of New York City. According to SF T-7, the two Soviets named above traveled to San Francisco to cover the arrival of four Soviet soldiers who were rescued by the United States Navy after being adrift in the Pacific Ocean for several weeks in a disabled landing craft. SF T-7 stated that both of the above Soviets are newspaper correspondents.

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According to SF T-7, on March 16, 1960, a telephone call was made from room 109 to PLaza 5-0472. The July, 1960 Street Address Telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, is assigned telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

SF T-8 on April 28, 1960, furnished the following information:

On April 28, 1960, he advised that the Georgian State Dancers, a Soviet dance group, would give performances in San Francisco on May 2, 3, 1960, and in Berkeley, California, on May 4, 1960. Source said that HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the ARI, planned to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Georgian Dancers during their stay in the San Francisco area. According to the source, ROBERTS planned to consult with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF to determine the best way to approach those persons in charge of the Georgian dancers to make the arrangements for taking the dancers on tours of the area.

SF T-9 on May 2-5, 1960, furnished the following information:

The Georgian State Dancers resided at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, during their visit to the San Francisco area. GEORGI IRAKLIEVICH ASATIANI, a member of the dance group, advised that he was making a color movie film of his tour of the United States and that he had contacted VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and requested ARNAUTOFF to show him around the San Francisco area in order that ASATIANI could photograph the most interesting and colorful sights. SF T-9 further advised that ARNAUTOFF planned to give ASATIANI souvenirs including several books as a remberance of ASATIANI's visit to San Francisco. SF T-9 said that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and HOLLAND ROBERTS visited ASATIANI at the hotel Whitcomb and presented to ASATIANI "friendship gifts."

The United States Department of State, by communication to the FBI on February 20, 1960, furnished a list of 64 Soviets comprising the Georgian Dance group who were to tour the United States under the auspices

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of Sol Hurok Artists, Inc. The name of GEORGI IRAKLIEVICH ASATIANI, born April 10, 1914, at Borzya (Zabaikal Oblast), USSR, appears on this list.

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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

SF T-10 on May 6, 1960, furnished an undated mimeographed letter which was signed by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and which the source obtained at the American Russian Institute, San Francisco.

The letter reads as follows:

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1007 Washington St.
Colma, California

"I am contemplating the possibility of organizing a group of American artists, art students and art patrons to visit the USSR in the summer of 1960.

"Visits to art schools, museums, galleries, artists' studios and personal contacts and discussions with Soviet artists, I believe, would be mutually enlightening, helpful and interesting.

"Preliminary inquiry indicates that we may be able to arrange a one month's round trip from New York at the cost of aroung $1200.00 per person.

"In order to proceed with further inquiry and work out the itinerary for the trip I must first know if there are a sufficient number of people interested in joining such a group.

"If you are interested, I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me your reply to the questions listed below at your earliest

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"convenience. Answering these questions will not obligate you in any way. However, your stating your preferences would be of great help to me, as I intend to make every effort to arrange the itinerary for the trip to correspond as closely as possible with the desires of the group.

"Sincerely,

/s/ Victor Arnautoff
Victor M. Arnautov

"(please detach and return to me).

"1. Are you interested in joining the group for a trip to the U.S.S.R.? Yes :_: No :_:

"2. Which cities in the U.S.S.R. would you like to visit? _____

"3. What particular branch of Soviet art interests you most? Painting:_: Sculpture :_: Graphic arts :_: Mural painting :_: Art education :_: Other _____

"4. Which of the summer months in 1960 would suit you best? June :_: July :_: August :_:

_____
"name and address, please."

BANKING INFORMATION

On July 26, 1960, the records of the Bank of America, Day and Night Branch, Powell Street, San Francisco, reflected the following information concerning the accounts of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Avenue, Colma, California:

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Savings account number A7155 has been maintained in a low 3-figure status for the past 6 months. The balance on February 25, 1960, was $214.79. The balance on July 26, 1960, was $187.02. Commercial account number 663755 has been maintained in a low 3-figure status for the past 6 months. The balance as of July 22, 1960, was $114.03. No unusual financial transactions were noted in either account for the period covering the past 6 months.

The information reported above cannot be obtained except upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, EDWARD J. DARBEY, Assistant Manager, Bank of America, Powell Street, San Francisco.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL

A source advised on April 3, 1951, that OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, Organizational Secretary of the California Communist Party (CP,) stated that an American Peace Crusade (APC) center was being established in San Francisco, California. This source further advised that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman of District 13, CP, USA, stated that fifteen peace organizations would come together and constitute a peace center which would serve as a local agency of the APC. SCHNEIDERMAN stated that the local agency need not be called, necessarily, the same as the national organization.

The Communist Party, USA, and the American Peace Crusade have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Another source advised on June 2, 1952, that the San Francisco Committee of the American Peace Crusade was a temporary organization set up in February, 1951, and was later replaced by the Northern California Peace Council (NCPC.)

In the "Daily People's World" (DPW) issue dated July 23, 1956, page 3, column 1, there appears an article which announces that on June 15, 1956, at a meeting of "Council supporters" it was decided that the NCPC would be dissolved.

The "Daily People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper, which in February, 1957, changed its name to "People's World."

A source, on February 12, 1957, advised there has been no activity on the part of the NCPC since it was dissolved in June, 1956.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Francisco, California
August 3, 1960

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Reference Report of SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK dated and captioned as above at San Francisco.

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TO : Mr. J. F. Bland

DATE: October 25, 1960

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing

SUBJECT: **VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF**

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

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A copy of this report is being designated to INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

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[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
during initial interview Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. Information furnished by reliable informants since that time indicate that ARNAUTOFF continues to be a militant Communist who has expressed open hostility towards the U. S. Government. It is not believed an interview at this time would be productive.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
Subject continues to be an active member of the CP. He is known to have paid CP dues for the period covering April through September, 1960. His last known attendance at a CP meeting was in November, 1960.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C4331663) (RM)

Report of: SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR. Office: San Francisco
Date: 2/16/61

Field Office File No.: 105-9593 Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to be employed as an Assistant Art Instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and to reside with his wife, LYDIA, at 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. He continues to be a dues-paying member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP, having attended at least 4 meetings of Club No. 2 during the period from August, 1960, to November, 1960. ARNAUTOFF participated in activities of the American Russian Institute, Inc., of San Francisco, Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, and attended benefit for "National Guardian" on 9/2/60.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On January 26, 1961, LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF continues

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to be employed at this university as an assistant professor of art. ARNAUTOFF's current residence is listed in the university files as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. According to Miss OWEN, the schedule of classes of Stanford University for the winter quarter of 1960-1961 school year shows that ARNAUTOFF is scheduled to teach classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, from 1:15 p.m. to 3:05 p.m., and from 3:15 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. Miss OWEN further advised that ARNAUTOFF will be retired from the university effective August 31, 1962.

On February 9, 1961, Mrs. THERESE MISCHAK, 1871 Sweetwood Drive, Colma, California, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA, continue to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States under Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1, on August 30, 1960, furnished the following information:

On August 15, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP (SFCCP), was held at 1250 Girarost Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this meeting. According to SF T-1, the main topic of discussion during this CP meeting was the efforts on the part of the CP to inject the fight for world peace into the forthcoming United States Presidential elections. It was also brought out that in the eastern section of the United States, many CP members had joined political groups but these Comrades did not become too active in the group or reveal their CP sympathies for fear of being kicked out.

SF T-1, on October 10, 1960, furnished the following information:

On September 13, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, was held at 699 Rhode Island Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this meeting. The following topics were discussed at this CP meeting:

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1) A forthcoming circulation drive for the "People's World"
2) Methods of obtaining funds for the San Francisco County CP Committee which reportedly was without any finances at this time. It was pointed out that the County CP Committee recently made a proposal to divert one-half of what each CP club collects in dues. However, the members of Club No. 2 unanimously rejected this proposal. Instead the Comrades recommended that the San Francisco County CP Committee collect sustainers from CP club members.
3) The recent meeting of the World Communist Parties in Moscow and the ideological dispute between the Soviet CP and the Chinese CP. On a motion from VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, it was decided not to discuss the Soviet-Chinese differences until the local CP received the official story of the meeting of the World Communist Parties.

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

SF T-2, on September 27, 1960, advised that MICKEY and HELEN LIMA were invited to attend a dinner on Saturday, October 15, 1960, at the home of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif.

SF T-2, on October 27, 1960, advised that ALBERT JASON (MICKEY) LIMA is the paid full-time Chairman of the Northern California District Communist Party, whose offices are located at 942 Market Street, Room 410, San Francisco. According to SF T-2, MICKEY LIMA divides his working time between CP headquarters and the offices of the "People's World", and that he resides in Oakland, California, with his wife, HELEN.

SF T-1, on October 5, 1960, furnished the following information:

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF continues to be a dues-paying member of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, and paid his dues in full during the period from April through September, 1960.

SF T-2, on November 11, 1960, furnished the following information:

On October 25, 1960, a meeting of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, was held at the home of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at this meeting. It was announced that at the last meeting of the San Francisco County CP Committee, a decision was made that each CP member must pledge at least one subscription to the current "People's World" drive. In addition, each CP club received instructions to order a one-year subscription to the "People's World" and give it to some individual who was unable to pay for the paper.

SF T-1, on December 7, 1960, furnished the following information:

A meeting of Club No. 2, Inner Mission Section, SFCCP, was held at 699 Rhode Island Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this meeting. The main topic of discussion at this meeting was plans for a snack bar that members of Club No. 2 were to operate at a forthcoming bazaar for the benefit of the "People's World." The Comrades present decided to order a $20.00 anniversary ad to run in the "People's World." Donations were contributed by those members present, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, to send two CP members from San Francisco to a national Marxist school. During a discussion of the recent United States Presidential elections, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF voiced the opinion that President KENNEDY was a "reactionary" and would follow the same policies as former President EISENHOWER. This meeting took place on November 23,1960.

III. AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC., OF SAN FRANCISCO (ARI) ACTIVITIES

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3, on December 12, 1960, furnished the following information:

On December 10,1960, a celebration in honor of 43 years of American-Soviet cultural relations was held at 150 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. This affair was sponsored by the ARI. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. The main theme

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of the meeting was "New High Roads to Peace and Friendship" and was a description of the various peace movements throughout Europe. It was also mentioned that the United States should abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and that the United States should refrain from having missile bases abroad. Petitions were circulated among those present concerning the two above suggestions. $850.00 was taken in contributions from those in attendance.

SF T-4, on December 16, 1960, and SF T-5, on December 15, 1960, furnished substantially the same information concerning the ARI sponsored celebration on December 10, 1960, as that furnished by SF T-3. SF T-4 and SF T-5 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at this celebration.

IV. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITY

For documentation of NCCPFB, refer to Appendix Page.

SF T-3, on November 21, 1960, furnished the following information:

The 8th annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the NCCPFB was held on November 19, 1960, at 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, California. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance. This festival had been advertised by mailed leaflets and in the November 19, 1960, edition of the "People's World." Admission was $1.00 per person. Approximately 250 persons attended. The main topic of conversation at this celebration was the efforts of the NCCPFB to prevent the deportation from the United States by the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service of those individuals considered undesirable by the U. S. Government.

SF T-6, on November 23, 1960, furnished substantially the same information as SF T-3 regarding the 8th annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the NCCPFB at 1819 10th Street on November 19, 1960. SF T-6 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at this celebration.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

On September 7, 1960, SF T-7 furnished the following information:

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On September 2, 1960, a public meeting sponsored by the "National Guardian" was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Approximately 300 people attended, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

For documentation of the "National Guardian", refer to the Appendix Page.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly...Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party (CP), it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia." (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12.)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on April 15, 1960, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, follows the directives of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) and implements, in Northern California, the national program of the ACPFB.

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

February 16, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9593

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of Special Agent THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., dated and captioned as above at San Francisco, California

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1 - Mr. Pettit

SAC, San Francisco (100-9593) April 13, 1961

Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Passport Office of the Department of State has advised that Passport Number B273641 was issued to the subject on 4-10-61. Remain alert for information concerning subject's travel plans at which time you should advise the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination, including a summary of his subversive background, as well as travel plans.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject key figure of the San Francisco Office. State and CIA have been previously furnished with copies of pertinent reports.

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The file contained a letter dated 3/20/61 from Miss WALKER to the Passport Office on the letterhead of "Law Offices of McMurray, Walker, and Tepper, 785 Market Street, San Francisco 3, California," and reflects an inquiry re subject's passport application of 2/27/61. WALKER says that it is urgently needed so that subject can make necessary visa applications. It bore the statement "He is making the trip as a paid group leader of an organized tour." The file also included a memo dated 4/10/61 which reflected that Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York attorney, telephoned the State Department on 4/7/61, and made inquiry as to the status of Mr. ARNAUTOFF's passport application. He stated that DORIS WALKER, a California attorney and friend of his, had asked him to look into the matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 5/18/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11/19/10 BY spatr/jw

Re San Francisco airtel to WFO, 5/2/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information contained in subject's passport application and the issuance of a passport to him.

Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are designated for San Francisco. A copy of the cover letter and letterhead memorandum are designated for New York for information purposes inasmuch as it is noted that subject plans to depart from the Port of New York on approximately May 14, 1961.

Prints of the photograph appearing on subject's passport application will be forwarded to San Francisco by routing slip at a later date.

The files of the Passport Office were made available on 5/11/61, to SA COULTON, by Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Agency Liaison Officer.

It was noted in reSF airtel that subject's birthdate is reflected as 11/11/86, however, his passport application reflects his birthdate as 11/11/96.

A review of subject's passport file reflects that the attorney representing him was Miss DORIS BRIN WALKER, 785 Market Street, San Francisco, California. The file indicated that this is the subject's first passport application ever filed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 18, 1961

VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed on May 11, 1961, disclosed that Victor Mikhail Arnautoff was issued Passport Number B273641 on April 10, 1961, at Washington, D. C., for a proposed six weeks' travel to Holland, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Austria, France, and England for the purpose of "to visit relatives".

This passport is valid for three years from the date of issuance for travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under communist control.

In his passport application dated February 27, 1961, at San Francisco, California, Arnautoff indicated that he intended to depart from New York City on approximately May 14, 1961, by air. Arnautoff indicated that he was traveling in an organized tour.

Arnautoff stated that he was born November 11, 1896, in Russia. He indicated that he immigrated to the United States in June, 1931, and has resided continuously since that time at San Francisco, California, and Colma, California. He stated that he was naturalized on August 2, 1937, in United States District Court at San Francisco, Certificate of Naturalization Number 4331663, and indicated that prior to his naturalization he was a National of "Russia-USSR". The file contained the notation that subject had submitted his Certificate of Naturalization as verification of the above information.

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VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF

Arnautoff listed his permanent residence and mailing address as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

Arnautoff stated that his parents were Mikhail Vassilievich Arnautoff, father, born approximately 1866 in Russia, and his mother, Adelaida Ivanovna Kravzova, born approximately 1870 in Russia. He indicated that neither of his parents had become United States citizens. Arnautoff

Arnautoff indicated that he was last married on September 1, 1923, to Lydia V. Blonsky who was born at Vladivostok, Russia, on February 6, 1903, and that this marriage has not terminated. Arnautoff

1007 Washington St. Colma Calif.

In the event of death or accident, Arnautoff requested that his son, Vasily V. Arnautoff, 893 Wisconsin Street, San Francisco, California, be notified.

The passport application contained the following additional descriptive data:

Height:	5' 10"
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	Mole on right side of chin.
Occupation:	Artist, Professor

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April 19, 1961

FBI Liaison:	For Information Only
Re:	Victor Mikhail Arnautoff Born: November 11, 1896 Place: Russia
Residence:	1007 Washington Street, Colma, California
Bureau File Number:	100-47675
Washington Field Office:	105-3728
Passport Number:	B273641 issued April 10, 1961 at Department of State
Attorney:	Miss Doris Brin Walker, 785 Market Street, San Francisco, California

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:	New York
Date of Departure:	May 14, 1961
Means of Transportation:	Air
Proposed Length of Stay:	approximately six weeks
Countries to be Visited:	Holland, Finaland, USSR, Austria, France and England
Purpose of Trip:	Visit relatives

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1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Liaison

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Date: May 18, 1961

To: Office of Security
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF
SECURITY MATTER - C

EX-113

One copy of a memorandum regarding the captioned subjects is enclosed for your Department and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Reports concerning these subjects have previously been transmitted to your Department and CIA.

This Bureau would appreciate receiving any pertinent information your Department or CIA may receive concerning these subjects during their trip abroad.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subjects, husband and wife, are SI subjects of San Francisco Office. Subjects departed San Francisco on or about 5-11-61 for a visit to Russia. Letter is classified "Confidential since it transmits a memo so classified, which contains info from confidential informants of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could jeopardize their future effectiveness. Memo enclosed is the enclosure to SF airtel 5-9-61; Bufiles are 100-47675 and 100-418510, respectively.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675;100-418510)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593; 100-21344)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies and to New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum including travel plans and a summary of the subversive activities of captioned subjects.

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SF T-1 mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] and SF T-2 is [redacted]. The SA who interviewed LYDIA ARNAUTOFF under pretext on 5/3/61 was WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN.

Leads have been set out for WFO to check records of Passport Office, Department of State, and NYO to check with Consolidated Tours for more specific information re travel plans of Subjects. Any additional data received re itinerary of the ARNAUTOFFs will be promptly furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

FD-122 has been submitted showing the travel status of the ARNAUTOFFs.

Information copies are being furnished to the New York Office inasmuch as the Subjects are traveling in that Division.

Rereps VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 2/16/61 and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 2/23/61 at SF. No additional pertinent information developed since rereps.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California
May 9, 1961

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee Lydia Vasilievna Blonsky, aka Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Records of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, on March 7, 1961 reflected that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, Assistant Professor of Art, requested leave with pay for the period May 15, 1961 through June 8, 1961. According to ARNAUTOFF he had an opportunity to make a five week tour of the USSR beginning May 14, 1961. He said that he would act as an interpreter and assistant guide on a tour group and that the purpose of his tour was to study at firsthand the present state of the arts in the USSR.

SF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 14, 1961 furnished the following information. VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF plan to visit the Soviet Union and expect to leave San Francisco, California, on May 11, 1961. The ARNAUTOFFs plan to fly from San Francisco to New York and thence to Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and other cities in the USSR.

On May 3, 1961 LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Avenue, Colma, California, was telephonically interviewed under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI, at which time she furnished the following information. She and

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her husband VICTOR planned to travel on a tour conducted by Consolidated Tours, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York. Travel will include the USSR and some European countries. The tour will depart New York City on or about May 12, 1961 and will be of five weeks duration.

Records of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), San Francisco, California, File No. C4331663, contain the following information concerning VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF. He was born November 11, 1896 at Marinpol, Russia, and served as a cavalry officer in Russia during World War I. From 1922 to 1925 he served in the Manchurian Cavalry. He legally entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931 and was awarded United States citizenship, Certificate No. 4331663, on August 2, 1939 in U.S. District Court, San Francisco. He is married to LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, born February 2, 1903 at Mukden, China. VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF have three children: MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF born [redacted] in China; BASIL, born October 9, 1925 in Mexico; JACOB, born September 11, 1930 in Mexico.

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Records of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, reflect that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF is employed by this institution as an Assistant Professor of Art, and that he resides at 1007 Washington Avenue, Colma, California.

Records of the Passport Office of the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflect that Passport No. B273641 was issued to VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF on April 10, 1961.

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COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 advised that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF has been an active member of the San Francisco County CP since at least 1946. This source advised on January 9, 1961 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Inner-Mission Club #2, San Francisco County CP, and that as of that date VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was an active dues paying member of the CP.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI)
OF SAN FRANCISCO

The ARI of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF has been active in the affairs of the ARI since 1947 and that on numerous occasions ARNAUTOFF has served on the ARI Executive Board and/or the ARI Executive Committee. This source stated that as of April, 1961 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was one of four persons who were authorized to issue checks on behalf of the ARI.

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 advised that since the inception of the RAS in 1941 until it was disbanded in 1958, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF held the position of President of the RAS and was active in the affairs of this society.

"PEOPLE'S WORLD"

The "People's World" (PW) is a west coast communist newspaper.

An advertisement appearing in the April 29, 1961 edition of the PW reflects that on May 6, 1961 a "Bon Voyage Party" honoring VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was held at 271 Francisco Street, San Francisco, for the benefit of the "Free Press".

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LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee Lydia
Vasilievna Blonsky, aka
Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

Records of the INS, San Francisco, File No. C4511446, contain the following information concerning LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee LYDIA VASILIEVNA BLONSKY, aka Mrs. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF.

She was born February 6, 1903 at Vladivostok, Russia, and entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931. She became a naturalized citizen of the United States on August 7, 1939 in the U.S. District Court, San Francisco. She married VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF on September 22, 1923.

SF T-1 advised on April 27, 1961 that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF resides with her husband at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as a bookkeeper for SERGEI I. STARK, a public accountant and tax consultant doing business as the Peoples Service Company, 2076 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE USSR

Special Agents of the FBI observed that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF visited the USSR Consulate in San Francisco on numerous occasions during the period from 1945 to 1948.

SF T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1947 that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation in San Francisco, California.

COMMUNIST PARTY

SF T-1 advised that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF has been a member of the San Francisco County CP since the 1940s, and that as of December 7, 1960 she was an active dues-paying member of Club #2, Inner-Mission Section, San Francisco County CP.

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY

SF T-1 advised that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was active in the affairs of the RAS and attended meetings of the Executive

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Board of the RAS from 1947 until this society disbanded in 1958.

ARI OF SAN FRANCISCO

SF T-1 advised that for many years LYDIA ARNAUTOFF has been active in the affairs of the ARI. According to this source, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF has volunteered her services to the ARI as an office worker and on numerous occasions has served on various boards and committees of the ARI.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES
Memor

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5/24/61

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 5/9/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Unavailable Section

[ ] It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

[X] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

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[ ] Communist	[ ] Socialist Workers Party	[ ] Independent Socialist League
[ ] Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
[ ] Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)* ~~Attention: Unavailable Section~~ ~~Traveling outside the USA from 5/14/61 to 6/8/61 on~~ tour of USSR and Europe.		
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Date: 5/17/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675; 100-418510)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593; 100-21344)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, aka
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date 5/23/61
by Jaffman

Re SF airtel and letterhead memo 5/9/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth additional information regarding travel of captioned Subjects.

SF T-1 mentioned in enclosed memorandum is [redacted] who furnished information on 5/8/61 and 5/16/61 to SA DAVID E. TODD.

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[redacted] is of the opinion that the ARNAUTOFFs may be traveling with a tour, one advertised in the "PW" issue of 3/18/61; however, source feels that if the ARNAUTOFFs did depart with this tour they would not remain with the group but will go their separate ways to see their relatives in the USSR and will rejoin the tour at a later date. According to the "PW" ad, this tour was to leave Los Angeles by jet plane on 5/13/61 and travel to Paris, London, Copenhagen, Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev, Odessa, Yalta, Sochi, Tbilisi, Kharkov, Moscow, Vienna, Zurich, Amsterdam, and back to Los Angeles. According to the ad, anyone interested should write to Box M.G. in care of the "PW" in Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Francisco, California
May 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee Lydia
Vasilievna Blonsky, aka
Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 16, 1961 advised that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF departed San Francisco, California, on May 11, 1961 by plane for New York City. From New York they will proceed to Europe and the USSR. SF T-1 said the ARNAUTOFFs were extremely secretive about their trip and refused to discuss their travel itinerary.

On May 6, 1961 at a Bon Voyage Party given for the ARNAUTOFFs, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF announced that he would be in San Francisco on May 15, 1961 to attend a Communist Party meeting.

Records of the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflect that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF planned to depart from New York on May 14, 1961 by air for approximately six weeks to visit Holland, Finland, USSR, Austria, France and England.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) (100-418310) DATE: 5/19/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81938) (100-65244)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
IS - C

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, aka.
SM - C

(OO: SF)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies and 2 SF copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning travel plans of captioned subjects.

The sources used in the letterhead memorandum in the order of their appearance are as follows:

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SA JOSEPH C. FEE conducted the telephonic pretext of "Russky Golos" as the son of a person interested in making a trip to the Soviet Union.

No further investigation is being conducted by the NYO.

(Encl. 12)
3 - Bureau (100-47675) (1 (VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF)
(1 - 100-418310) (LYDIA ARNAUTOFF)
3 - San Francisco (105-9693) (VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF)
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

May 19, 1961

Re: Victor Michael Arnautoff
Internal Security - C

Lydia Arnautoff
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated May 9, 1961, at San Francisco, California.

On May 11, 1961, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Victor Arnautoff and Lydia Arnautoff are departing for Russia on the "agricultural group" tour which is being led by Victor Yakhontoff, an elderly Russian Army general. He stated that the entire group totals 59 individuals, the majority of which are elderly immigrant farmers who intend to visit their families in Russia. This source stated that he did not know if any organization was sponsoring the tour since all the arrangements were made by Yakhontoff.

This source advised that the tour is scheduled to follow the following itinerary:

May 14, 1961	Leave New York for Amsterdam via KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) flight 644
May 16,1961	Leave Amsterdam for Helsinki via Finn Air, flight 852
May 17, 1961	Leave Helsinki for Leningrad via Aeroflot (SU) flight 612

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Re: Victor Michael Arnautoff
Lydia Arnautoff

May 21, 1961	Leave Leningrad for Moscow via SU (flight unknown)
May 27, 1961	Leave Moscow for Kiev via SU (flight unknown)
June 12, 1961	Leave Kiev for Vienna via SU flight 113
June 12, 1961	Connect at Vienna with a flight for Paris (Date definite but flight and airline unconfirmed)
June 15, 1961	Leave Paris for London via British European Airways flight 355
June 18, 1961	Leave London for Amsterdam via KLM flight 134, connecting with KLM flight 643 for NY
June 18, 1961	Arrive New York

The March 9, 1961, issue of "Russky Golos" on page 7, reflects an article by Victor Alexandrovich Yakhontoff concerning a trip to the homeland which was scheduled to leave New York City on May 14, 1961, and return on June 18, 1961.

A pretext telephone call to the offices of "Russky Golos", 130 East 16th Street, New York City, on May 9, 1961, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), revealed that 60 persons are scheduled to make a trip to the Soviet Union for five weeks starting on May 14, 1961. This trip is an annual affair sponsored by "Russky Golos" but is not subsidized by that paper in any way.

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Re: Victor Michael Arnautoff
Lydia Arnautoff

Victor A. Yakhontoff has been editor of "Russky Golos" since the departure for Russia on September 4, 1959, of Dr. D.Z. Krinkin and his subsequent death there, according to a second source, who was in a position to furnish reliable information.

On June 26, 1960, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Yakhontoff was a retired Russian general who lectured on Soviet Russia and was pro-Russian in his point of view. This source said that during the 1940s, he was repeatedly informed that Yakhontoff was a devoted and disciplined member of the Communist Party (CP).

A fourth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 30, 1960, that "Russky Golos" is a Russian language daily newspaper which has consistently followed the CP line and supports the same issues as the CP, USA.

This same source advised that "Russky Golos" was formerly the organ of the "Russian Section" of the International Workers Order. Since the dissolution of the International Workers Order, the "Russian Section" is no longer known as such, but has been reorganized into Russian Cultural and Aid Society groups which continue to support "Russky Golos" financially and look upon "Russky

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Re: Victor Michael Arnautoff
Lydia Arnautoff

Golos" as the organ of the Russian Cultural and Aid Society groups.

The International Workers Party and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675; 100-418510)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593; 100-21344)

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LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, aka
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Re SF airtels and letterhead memos 5/9/61 and 5/17/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth additional information regarding travel of captioned subjects.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California
May 22, 1961

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee Lydia
Vasilievna Blonsky, aka
Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

Reference is made to FBI letterhead memorandums dated May 9, 1961 and May 17, 1961 at San Francisco, captioned VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF; LYDIA ARNAUTOFF.

Information concerning the travel itinerary of the ARNAUTOFFS is set forth in FBI letterhead memorandum dated May 18, 1961 at New York captioned "RUSSKY GOLOS PUBLISHING COMPANY".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 7, 1961

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (105-946)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
IS - C

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

RE: Letterhead memorandum dated May 9, 1961, at San Francisco, and Letterhead memorandum dated May 19, 1961, at New York.

There are enclosed the original and five copies of a memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted] is being carried as T-1 in the enclosure.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 7, 1961

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on July 5, 1961, that subjects arrived in London Airport from Paris, France, on June 15, 1961. They left England by air from London Airport on June 18, 1961, for Amsterdam, Holland.

According to T-1, subjects did not come to adverse security notice while in England.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- (100-47675)) DATE: 7/10/61

FROM : RDa SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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[XXX] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

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[ ] Native Born [ ] Naturalized [ ] Alien

[ ] Communist [ ] Socialist Workers Party [ ] Independent Socialist League

[XX] Miscellaneous *(specify)* Remove from Unavailable Section

[ ] Tab for Detcom | Race | Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of Birth | Place of Birth

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

100-47675

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Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____

Residence Address

1007 Washington Ave.
Colma, California

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	8/15/61	6/1/61 - 8/11/61

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR.	gg
	CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURTTY - C	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS C. MC GOLDRICK, 2/16/61, at San Francisco.

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	File Where Located
SF T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]
SF T-2 is [redacted]	
SF T-3 is [redacted]	[redacted]
SF T-4 is [redacted]	

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Hdqs advised 9/25/61 0-17 & SF re T-4 & June 6 sign. 5/1 rbc

Approved: Special Agent In Charge

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SF T-5 is [redacted]	[redacted]
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SF T-7 is [redacted]	[redacted]
SF T-8 is [redacted]	
SF T-9 is [redacted]	New York airtel to Director "Russky Golos Publishing Co, IS-R" 5/17/61
SF T-10 is [redacted]	New York let to Director, and letterhead memo 5/19/61 "Victor Michael Arnautoff, IS-C" "Lydia Arnautoff, aka, SM-C"
SF T-11 is [redacted]	"
SF T-12 is [redacted]	"
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Source used to document NCCPFB:

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A copy of this report is being designated to INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

SA JOSEPH C. FEE conducted the protest interview at "Russky Golos" on 5/9/61, as the son of a person interested in making a trip to the U.S.S.R.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

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it contains information furnished by a reliable confidential informant ( ) who attends with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF meetings of Club No.2, Inner Mission Section, SF County CP. Attendance at these meetings is small and information reported by concerning these meetings could reasonably lead to his identification and the loss of a valuable informant.

8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

during initial interview Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. Information furnished by reliable informants since that time indicate that ARNAUTOFF continues to be a militant Communist who has expressed open hostility towards the U.S. Government. It is not believed an interview at this time would be productive.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject continues to be an active member oftheCP. He is known to have paid CP dues for the period covering 10/60 through 6/61. His last known attendence at a CP meeting was on 7/18/61.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C4331663)

Report of: THOMAS D. McGOLDRICK
Date: 8/15/61

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File No.: 105-9593

Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to be employed as Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, and to reside with his wife, LYDIA, at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. He continues to be a dues paying member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP, having attended at least five meetings of Club #2 during the period from 12/60 through 7/61. Name of Subject appears on bank signature card as person authorized to issue checks for ARI. He participated in activities of ARI and NCCPFB. Subject and wife visited USSR and Europe during May and June, 1961, on tour led by VICTOR A. YAKHONTOFF, editor of "Rusky Golos."

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

On August 2, 1961, THELMA RAYNOLDS, Secretary, Office of the President, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, furnished the following information to SA FRED R. ELLEDGE:

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as an Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University. ARNAUTOFF taught in the Autumn and Winter quarters of 1960 and the Spring quarter of 1961. He has no classes scheduled for the Summer quarter of 1961 but will resume teaching in the Autumn quarter. His current residence address is listed as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

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VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is not teaching at Stanford University during the Summer quarter of 1961. He is doing some painting on his own and plans to exhibit and eventually sell these paintings at the end of the Summer. He continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, with his wife, LYDIA.
(SF T-1, August 9, 1961)

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be an active dues paying member of Club #2, Inner Mission Section, San Francisco County CP. During the period from December 1960 to July 1961, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended at least five meetings of Club #2.
(SF T-1, January 3, 1961 through July 18, 1961.)

On February 24, 1961, an open meeting sponsored by the CP of Northern California was held at Santa Maria Hall, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Approximately 175 people, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, attended this meeting.

ALBERT JASON (MICKIE) LIMA, Chairman of the CP of Northern California, read a speech concerning his three month visit to Europe, during which time he attended a world wide CP Conference in Moscow, U.S.S.R. in December 1960. LIMA stated that peaceful coexistence is the only way by which the Soviet Union will abide. Under socialism the development of national economy and statehood goes hand in hand in strengthening world socialism and uniting all nations. War is a constant companion of capitalism, as long as imperialism exists, and as long as imperialism exists, there shall be wars and no peace.
(SF T-2, February 27, 1961)

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The Palo Alto California CP Club organized a fund raising affair for the benefit of the "People's World", to be held on April 30, 1961 at Palo Alto. It was to be an afternoon affair, at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, the guest speaker, would lecture on Soviet art.
(SF T-3, April 16, 1961)

The "People's World" (PW) is a west coast Communist newspaper.

III. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE INCORPORATED OF SAN FRANCISCO ACTIVITIES (ARI)

ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 21, 1961 a select group of approximately 14 people met at the ARI Office, 90 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, to discuss various methods to be used in the fight for peace. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of this group.

The guest speaker was RICHARD MORFORD, the Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF), who talked on the possibility of world disarmament. MORFORD concluded that this armament will be impossible because President KENNEDY has appointed men to high positions of government, who have a present or past interest in armament. He said the Soviets are willing to disarm, and all that is necessary is that the voters in the USA press for disarmament.

MORFORD said, however, he did not think this would happen in the USA because to many of the voters have an interest in the industries that make money from armament.
(SF T-4, February 1, 1961)

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 19450.

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The ARI does not have a board of directors. However, on Tuesday afternoon, a small group of select persons meet at the ARI to discuss ARI plans and policies. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF frequently attends these policy meetings.
(SF T-5, February 23, 1961.)

During March 1961, the ARI distributed an announcement which indicated that a presentation on Russian and Soviet art by Professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF to be held at the ARI at 7:30 p.m. on March 11, 1961. The announcement indicated that ARNAUTOFF would illustrate his notes on the development of visual art in the U.S.S.R. with colored reproductions of the pre-revolutionary period and contemporary painting. He also was to have samples of contemporary soviet graphic art recently arrived from the U.S.S.R.
(SF T-5, March 7, 1961)

The signature card for the commercial checking account of the ARI contains the names of four individuals who are authorized to issue checks on behalf of the ARI. The signature of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF appears on this card. The card reflects that at least two of the four signatures must appear on all ARI checks.
(SF T-6 April 28, 1961)

The foregoing information was obtained from bank records and should be considered confidential. It should not be made public except in the usual procedure following the issuance of a subpoena. Should any of the information be needed, the subpoena should be directed to Mr. J.D. GALLAGHER, Manager, Bank of America, Golden Gate-Hyde Branch, San Francisco, California.

During July 1961 the ARI distributed an announcement which indicated that on Friday, August 18, 1961, at 8:00 p.m. at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, a "frank forum report by seven San Franciscans" will be held on "The World and Us-Prospects Peace" under the sponsorship of the ARI. According to this announcement Professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF will be one of the featured speakers of the evening.
(SF T-13, July 28, 1961)

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IV. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (NCCPFB) ACTIVITIES

For documentation of NCCPFB refer to appendix page.

In April 1961 the NCCPFB distributed an announcement concerning their "Eighth Annual Testimonial Evening" honoring VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and others "for their devotion to the cause of civil liberties." The testimonial was to be held on April 21, 1961 at the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco.
(SF T-7, April 5, 1961)

On April 21, 1961, the NCCPFB held it's Eighth Annual Testimonial Eveing at the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco. Approximately 250 persons attended this gathering, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. ARNAUTOFF was one of the featured speakers of the evening.

ARNAUTOFF expressed a few words as an individual who believes in the protection of the foreign born. He said as an artist he tells his stories in murals and paintings. He said that he draws for peace. ARNAUTOFF mentioned that he and his wife were going to the U.S.S.R. this year for a vacation, and that he and his wife had not been in the Soviet Union since 1915.
(SF T-2, April 24, 1961) (SF T-8, May 1, 1961)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

On March 9, 1961 Miss LILLIAN OWEN, Office of the President, Stanford University, furnished the following information to SA FRED R. ELLEDGE:

On March 7, 1961 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, Assistant Professor of Art, requested leave with pay for the period May 15, 1961 through June 8, 1961. ARNAUTOFF said he had an opportunity to make a five week tour of the U.S.S.R. beginning May 14, 1961. He said that he would act as interpreter and assistant guide on a tour group

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and that the purpose of this tour was to study at first hand the present state of the arts in the U.S.S.R.

On May 11, 1961 Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Agency Liaison Officer, Passport Office, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C., made available to SA J. B. COULTON the following information:

VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF was issued Passport Number B273641 on April 10, 1961, at Washington, D.C., for a proposed six weeks' travel to Holland, Finland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Austria, France, and England for the purpose of "to visit relatives."

This passport is valid for threeyears from the date of issurance for travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under communist control.

In his passport application dated February 27, 1961, at San Francisco, California, ARNAUTOFF indicated that he intended to depart from New York City on approximately May 14, 1961 by air. ARNAUTOFF indicated that he was traveling in an organized tour.

VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF plan to depart for the U.S.S.R. on the "Agricultural Group" tour, which is being lead by VICTOR YAKHONTOFF, an elderly ex-Russian Army general. The entire group totals 59 individuals, the majority of which are elderly immigrant farmers who intend to visit their families in Russia. The tour is scheduled to leave New York City via KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines), on May 14, 1961 for Amsterdam, Holland. From Amsterdam the tour is scheduled to visit Helsinki, Finland; Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev, U.S.S.R.; Vienna, Austria; Paris, France; London, England, return to Amsterdam and fly to the United States on June 18, 1961.
(SF T-9, May 9, 1961)

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The March 9, 1961 issue of "Russky Golos" on page 7, reflects an article by VICTOR ALEXANDROVICH YAKHONTOFF concerning a trip to the homeland which was scheduled to leave New York City on May 14, 1961, and return on June 18, 1961.

A pretext telephone call to the offices of "Russky Golos", 130 East 16th Street, New York City, on May 9, 1961, by a Special Agent of the Federal Brueau of Investigation, revealed that 60 persons are scheduled to make a trip to the Soviet Union for five weeks starting on May 14, 1961. This trip is an annual affair sponsored by "Russky Golos" but is not subsidized by that paper in any way.

VICTOR A. YAKHONTOFF has been editor of "Russky Golos" since the departure for Russia on September 4, 1959 of Dr. D.Z. KRINKIN and subsequent death there.
(SF T-10)

VICTOR YAKHONTOFF is a retired Russian General who lectures on Soviet Russia and is pro-Russian in his point of view. This source said that during the 1940s he was repeatedly informed that YAKHONTOFF was a devoted and disciplined member of the CP.
(SF T-11, June 26, 1960)

"Russky Golos" is a Russian language daily newspaper which has consistently followed the CP line, and supports the same issues as the CP, USA.
(SF T-12, June 30, 1960)

"Russky Golos" was formerly the organ of the "Russian Section" of the International Workers Order. Since the dissolution of the International Workers Order, the "Russian Section" is no longer known as such, but has been reorganized into Russian Cultural and Aid Society groups which continue to support "Russky Golos" financially and look upon "Russky Golos" as the organ of the Russian Cultural and Aid Society groups.
(SF T-12, June 30, 1960)

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The International Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF returned to San Francisco from their tour of the U.S.S.R. and Europe.
(SF T-1, June 28, 1961)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, carries out a program of activity in Northern California which coincides with the aims of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-Mc Carran Law.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

August 15, 1961

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of Special Agent THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, at San Francisco, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SF T-10 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675; 100-418510)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593; 100-21344)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
IS - C
(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, aka
SM - C
(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

Copy to State, CIA, London, Paris by routing slip for info action
date 7/17/61
by

Re San Francisco airtels and letterhead memoranda dated 5/9, 5/17, and 5/22/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum advising that Subjects have returned to San Francisco from their travel abroad.

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Corrected FD122s have been submitted to the Bureau.

SF T-1, as set forth in letterhead memorandum, is [redacted], who furnished the information to SA DAVID E. TODD.

No recommendation is being made to interview the ARNAUTOFFs at this time. Both Subjects were unfriendly and uncooperative during previous attempts to interview them. Reliable informants have described the ARNAUTOFFs as militant CP members who have been hostile toward the U. S. Government for many years. No additional investigation of the ARNAUTOFFs is contemplated at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco 2, California

July 10, 1961

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee Lydia
Vasilievna Blonsky, aka
Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

Reference is made to FBI letterhead memoranda dated May 9, May 17, and May 22, 1961, captioned as above.

SF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 28, 1961, advised that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF have returned to San Francisco, California, from their trip to the USSR and Europe.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 9/5/61

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Rerep SA THOMAS D. McGOLDRICK, JR. dated 8/15/61 at San Francisco and Bureau O-17 8/25/61.

Enclosed are five copies of amended Page 1 (FD 204). Cover Page C, Paragraph 2, Line 1, should be "pretext." Page 4, end of paragraph 3, should read "(SF T-6 4/28/61)."

The Bureau is requested to make the above two corrections on its copies of rerep. Corrections have been made at San Francisco.

Responsible personnel have been charged with errors of form.

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